Rose of Sharon, Tahiti

Hibiscus syriacus 'Mineru'



Rose of Sharon, Tahiti flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Description:

Interesting semi-double blooms are a soft pink-purple with a deep red center; a tall, stiffly upright patio tree or shrub with vase shape habit; extremely showy flowers throughout summer; very adaptable plant, but prefers full sun.

Ornamental Features

Rose of Sharon, Tahiti features bold semi-double fuchsia trumpet-shaped flowers with dark red throats along the branches from mid summer to mid fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose of Sharon, Tahiti is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rose of Sharon, Tahiti is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Rose of Sharon, Tahiti will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Clean up Rating (1-5) 1=least effort 5=most effort

Clean Up Rating (3): Seed pods 1 to 1 1/2 inch papery, tan capsules that open 5 lobes with small fuzzy seeds inside. Tahiti produces less seeds than older varieties, less likely to germinate, too.To avoid the seeds reseeding you can dead head the spent blooms. Clean up by blow or rake debris onto the lawn and mow or bag.