# Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon

***Hibiscus syriacus 'JWNWOOD4'***

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Group/Class: Chiffon Series

**Description:**

An excellent backdrop to a perennial border; a tall, upright patio tree with a vase shape habit; loaded with extremely showy, pink, double flowers through summer; very adaptable plant, but prefers full sun.

**Ornamental Features**

Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon features bold double pink round flowers with crimson eyes and crimson streaks along the branches from mid to late summer, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has attractive dark green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

**Landscape Attributes**

Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon 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.



*Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon in bloom*
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This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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**Planting & Growing**

Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 4 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.

Rose of Sharon (Tree Form), Pink Chiffon makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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

Clean Up Rating (3): The Chiffon series have been bred to be nearly sterile, producing few to no viable seeds. If any seeds are produced the pods 1 to 1 1/2 inch papery, tan capsules that open 5 lobes with small fuzzy seeds inside. To avoid the seeds reseeding you can dead head the spent blooms in autumn. Clean up by blow or rake debris onto the lawn and mow or bag.