Rose of Sharon, Purple Pillar

Hibiscus syriacus 'Gandini Santiago'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Description:

A narrow, columnar variety with dazzling, purple-pink, semi-double blooms with red centers, from summer into fall; very adaptable plant, but prefers full sun; an elegant choice for an entryway or privacy screen

Ornamental Features

Rose of Sharon, Purple Pillar features bold semi-double purple trumpet-shaped flowers with pink overtones, creamy white throats and crimson centers along the branches from mid summer to early fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose of Sharon, Purple Pillar is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a narrowly upright and columnar growth habit. 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, Purple Pillar is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Rose of Sharon, Purple Pillar flowers
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Planting & Growing

Rose of Sharon, Purple Pillar will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.