Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender Chiffon

Hibiscus syriacus 'SMNHSPCL'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Group/Class: Chiffon Series



Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender Chiffon flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

An exciting introduction of this old-time favorite with semi-double, chiffon-like flowers all along the branches, in shades of deep, rich, lavender that really stand out; this is an upright shrub, perfect as a hedge or specimen; produces few to no seeds



Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender Chiffon in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender Chiffon features bold semi-double lavender round flowers with violet overtones and scarlet veins along the branches from early to late summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender 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.

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 bees, 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, Dark Lavender Chiffon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender Chiffon will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Rose Of Sharon, Dark Lavender 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.