

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Sacramento Rose Mallow

Hibiscus lasiocarpos

DESCRIPTION: Sacramento Rose Mallow (aka Crimsoneyed Rosemallow) is native to the southern US. It tolerates summer heat and humidity, but soil should be kept moist throughout the growing season. A vigorous, erect, often woody-based perennial that typically grows 4-6' tall and features showy, hollyhock-like, 5-petaled, white or rose flowers (4-6" diameter) with magenta-crimson eyes. Each flower has a prominent and showy center staminal column. It has a long, mid-summer to fall bloom period.

RECOMMENDED USE: A large plant for the rear of the perennial border, mixed border, native plant garden or patio area or courtyard. Also effective when grouped in moist locations such as along the edge of a pond or stream.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Down to at least 20°F.



Sun tolerance: Morning sun to all-day light shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate to high water use. Fertilize in spring and summer.



Soil requirements: Prefers deeper loamy soil.



Pruning: Any time as needed to control. It may need staking if allowed to get tall.