



Swamp Hibiscus

Hibiscus coccineus

Mallow Family (Malvaceae Family)

Zones: 6-9

Full Sun to Partial Shade

High Water

Location: Floral Walk and Rose Garden

Looking to add some spice to your summer garden? Do you want to stop your neighbors in their tracks? If the answer is "yes", then here is the plant for you!

Hibiscus coccineus is so shocking in a mountain-west landscape because it truly looks like it was plucked out of the tropics with its huge, dark red glossy flowers. Swamp Hibiscus likes to sleep in; when all other plants in the garden are growing strong, Swamp Hibiscus waits till late spring to poke its head out. Be patient and don't worry that it perished over the winter.

The sheer impressive size of Swamp Hibiscus, averaging 6 feet tall by 4 feet wide, is enough to gather a crowd. The deep red flowers, which are 6 inches across, cover the plant in late summer through fall. Grow it in a prominent location where all can marvel at its beauty.

Swamp Hibiscus is a very easy, low maintenance plant. It likes full sun or part shade, and requires moist, well-drained soils. Additional water may be required during the blooming period. The only maintenance necessary is cutting the stems back to the ground in winter.