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Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus

Hibiscus acetosella 'Burgundy Aquarius'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Rose Mallow

Description:

This bold garden perennial features very showy deep red flowers with glossy burgundy leaves; ideal for the mixed garden border or in mass plantings; beware of Japanese Beetles; do not allow to dry to wilting point

Ornamental Features

Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus features bold dark red round flowers at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. Its glossy lobed leaves remain burgundy in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Self-Seeding

Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus foliage
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Planting & Growing

Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. 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 in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Burgundy Aquarius Hibiscus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.