



Red Confederate Rose

Hibiscus mutabilis 'Rubrum'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Hibiscus mutabilis Rubra, Hardy Hibiscus

Description:

This bold garden perennial features showy large scarlet-red flowers with yellow centers; attractive green heart shaped leaves; ideal for the mixed garden border or massed; do not allow to dry to wilting point

Ornamental Features

Red Confederate Rose features bold scarlet round flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall. Its large serrated heart-shaped leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Red Confederate Rose 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

Red Confederate Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Red Confederate Rose flowers
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Planting & Growing

Red Confederate Rose will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 feet apart. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.