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## Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus

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***Hibiscus '4400'***



*Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Rose Mallow, Hardy Hibiscus

Group/Class: Summer Spice Series

**Description:**

This bold garden perennial features showy ruffled, large white flowers with cherry red eyes from summer until frost, above attractive dark-green leaves; ideal for the mixed garden border or in mass; do not allow to dry to wilting point

**Ornamental Features**

Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus features bold white round flowers with cherry red eyes at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its large serrated pointy leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus is an herbaceous annual 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

Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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### Planting & Growing

Summer Spice Creme de la Creme Hibiscus will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.