

## SWAMP ROSE MALLOW

### *Hibiscus Moscheutos*



**HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL**

Family:	Mallow
Native to:	Ontario to Florida
Hardiness Zones:	4 to 9
Bloom Time:	July - September
Height:	3 to 7 feet
Spread:	2-4 feet
Bloom:	Rosy red, white, pink

#### **Culture:**

Easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun. Best in moist, organically rich soils, but does surprisingly well in average garden soils as long as those soils are not allowed to dry out. Pinch back growing tips when they reach 8" and again at 12" if bushy plants are desired. Deadhead individual flowers to maintain plant appearance. Cut back stems to approximately 3-4 inches in late autumn.

Showy, dinner plate-sized, hollyhock-like flowers last only 1-2 days, but new flowers open each day in rapid succession over a long July to September bloom period. At the peak of bloom, a large plant can produce 20 or more flowers per day. Seed capsules will float on water which facilitates seed dispersal.

Did you know?

Genus name is the ancient Greek and Latin name for mallow. The flowers are pollinated by long-tongued bees and hummingbirds are attracted to their nectar. Butterflies also cluster around the flowers which typically open before 11 a.m. daily.

The Latin name means musk-scented.