Queeny Purple Hollyhock

Alcea rosea 'Queeny Purple'



Queeny Purple Hollyhock flowers
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Althaea rosea

Description:

A beautiful dwarf variety, only growing upwards of 24"; a perfect selection for garden beds, patio containers or cut flower arrangements; large, purple double blooms standout against green foliage in the summer months

Ornamental Features

Queeny Purple Hollyhock features bold spikes of double purple round flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large tomentose round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Queeny Purple Hollyhock is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Self-Seeding

Queeny Purple Hollyhock is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Queeny Purple Hollyhock will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. However, this species tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed. 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Queeny Purple Hollyhock 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.