

# **Hibiscus Plant Care**

## **Stunning Summerific® Hibiscus**

It is just about the time that many gardens are beginning to look a bit forlorn from the summer heat, Summerific Hibiscus (commonly called Rose Mallow) comes into its prime. Blooming from mid to late summer and well into fall, these stunners bear the largest flowers of any perennial, with buds appearing up the stems, not just at the top like older varieties. Their large size and fast growth rate make Summerific Hibiscus excellent specimen plants for the landscape. Surprising but true: these tropical looking beauties are hardy all the way down to zone 4! Though they emerge late in spring, they more than make up for it with vigorous growth and amazing flower power.

A range of warm, lovely flower colors in the Summerific Hibiscus series are available now and pictured here. Watch for newer Summerifics coming next year!





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## **Ballet Slippers**

Huge 7" wide, ruffled flowers are white with a deep red eye. The edges of the petals are edged with blush pink. Combined with the heavily overlapping petals, this creates a pinwheel effect on the flowers. Attractive, healthy leaves are bright green with slightly serrated edges.

Measures at 4' tall and 4½-5' wide'.



#### **Perfect Storm**

'Perfect Storm' takes the dark foliage and shrinks it down to a manageable size (about half the height of 'Summer Storm'). At 3' tall and 4½-5' wide', it will still be the centerpiece of your sunny garden. Has huge, 7-8" wide, white flowers with a bright red eye that radiates out the veins, with the petals edged with pink.



## **Cherry Choco Latte**

A long blooming Hibiscus with a smaller size that is more suitable for tighter spaces. Very large, 8-9" three-dimensional flowers are white with intense deep pink veining and a notably large red eye. Attractive dark olive-green foliage has bronze highlights and forms a compact clump, with flowers covering the entire habit later in the season. Measures 4' tall and 4-5' wide.



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#### **Evening Rose**

There have been many assorted colors, and we are proud to introduce 'Evening Rose' as an excellent combination of hot pink flowers and near black foliage. 8" puckered flowers cover the round, dense habit top to bottom. 'Evening Rose measures 4' tall and 41/2-5' wide.



#### **Candy Crush**

If you love 'Cranberry Crush', try 'Candy Crush'! 8", bright bubblegum pink flowers have a near-black, dark red eye and are produced all over its habit of rich, bright green leaves. 'Candy Crush' measures at 4-41/2' tall and wide.

#### **Summerific® Hibiscus Gardening Tips**

- 1. Hibiscus love the sun and need moist, well-drained soil. Keeping these plants watered will result in larger flowers and lush foliage.
- 2. Deadheading will improve the appearance of the plant.
- 3. It's best to plant Hibiscus before the heat of the summer arrives and should be heavily mulched the first winter.
- 4. In spring, cut back any remaining stems before new growth appears. A saw or pair of loppers will be necessary to cut this plant back.
- 5. Hibiscus is always one of the last perennials to emerge in spring, but it has a vigorous growth rate.