



Swamp Rose-mallow

Hibiscus grandiflorus

Plant Description – Native, herbaceous, deciduous, perennial

Height: 5-15 ft **Width/Spread:** 2-4 ft



Leaves

Shape: Deltoid

Arrangement: Alternate

Margin: Entire

Form: Simple

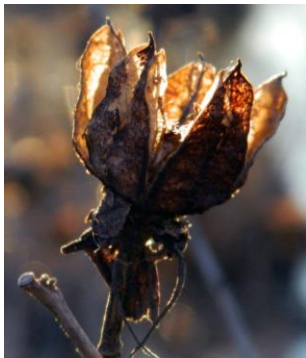
Leaf Description: grayish-green and velvety (top and bottom of leaf are hairy); 3-5 shallow lobes; up to 10 inches long and wide; greenish-reddish hair stems

Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: White, pink red

Flower Shape: Funnelform **In Bloom:** Mar-Sep

Flower Description: Flowers have 5 overlapping pink petals that are reddish-purple at the base; flowers can be up to 10 inches wide and are one of the largest in North America; blooms open at night and last for one day



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds **Seed Type:** Fruit – Dry seed pod

Months in Seed: Summer – Fall

Fruit and Seed Description: fruit is dry, hairy capsule that releases rounded, velvety, brown/ copper seeds

Ecological Benefits

Nectar source for hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators; seed source for birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; flowers can be cut for indoor vase; dead stalks can be removed in winter; Remove old flowers before they form seedheads or prune plants back by 1/3 after a flush of bloom is finished to encourage rebloom; Keep mulch from touching the stems to prevent Southern stem blight; prefers moist to wet soil at all times (*water three times per week*)