

Rose of Sharon - *Hibiscus syriacus*

**General Information:** Valued in the garden for its large flowers produced in summer. Valued as a bonsai for its upright habit, open and loose branches, light green leaves which can all be enhanced with pruning. Moderate salt tolerance.

**Family:** Malvaceae

**Lighting:** Part shade to full sun sun

**Temperature:** Zones 5B - 9A.

**Watering:** Adequate water to keep from drying out and remaining dry. Requires ample water to flower its best and to avoid leaf drop.

**Feeding:** General purpose fertilizer.

**Pruning and wiring:** Bark is thin and is easily damaged.

**Propagation:** Cuttings.

**Repotting:** The tree needs annual repotting. Not particular about the type of soil, however it should be well drained and acidic.

**Pests and diseases:** Aphids and Japanese beetles. Diseases include leaf spot, canker and flower blight.

**Bibliography:**

United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Fact Sheet ST-295

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