

185. *Alcea rosea*

hollyhock

Malvaceae(L8)



Basic ID *Showy huge, outward-facing, single flowers, heart-shaped, rough lower leaves*

Zone: 2 to 10

Type: herbaceous perennial (*short-lived*)

Height and spread: 8 feet/2 feet

Bloom time: June too August

Evergreen/deciduous: s

Flower & Fall color: White, pink, & red

Leaf arrangement/Foliage: large, heart-shaped (3, 5 or 7 lobes), rough lower leaves

Flower/cone/fruit description(s): Showy huge (4-5" diameter), outward-facing, single flowers, rigid, towering spikes or spires

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Common: *old garden favorites/excellent architectural height*

Tough: not

Maintainence: *High*

Light: Full sun

Water use: Medium

Soil requirement: average, medium moisture, well-drained soil

Maintenance advice: 1. not tolerate wet winter soils.

Disease: *many*, like rust, leaf spot and anthracnose

Invasive/poisonous: *establish colonies* in the garden that persist for years

Easy to be noticed: *easy*

Usages

Useful cultivars and selections in Vancouver: "N/A "

Plant design combination: N/A

Suggested plant area: Annual, Naturalize, a certain amount of old world charm to cottage gardens and border backgrounds.

Texture: soft and casual

Form: architectural upright

Special usages in landscape: *Attracts: Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Tolerate: Rabbit, Black Walnut*