## HAIRY FRUITED HIBISCUS HIBISCUS LASIOCARPOS

## PLANT CHARACTERISTICS



Size

3 - 7' high, 2 - 3' wide



Sun/Shade

Full Sun



Water

Medium to Wet



Maintenance

Medium



Life Span

Herbaceous Perennial, Zones 5-9



Description

Hibiscus lasiocarpos, also known as Hairy Fruited Hibiscus and Rose Mallow, is a vigorous, erect, woody-based perennial. They are lovers of moisture and need deep, consistent watering as well as protection from winds to perform their best. They can be found on the banks of ponds and streams and are a good addition to rain gardens. They produce blooms July through October which are white or rose with showy magenta-crimson centers. Because they are a taller variety of Hibiscus, they may need staking for support. They can be propagated from stem clippings or dividing the clumps. In late Autumn the stems should be cut back to 3-4" since the blooms are produced on new wood the following year. This plant attracts butterflies and is deer resistant. They are prone to multiple problems with both insects and disease as well as leaf scorch if the soil is allowed to dry out.

Source: Missouri Botanical Garden



