

# Blue Sky Rose of Sharon



## *Hibiscus (Althea) syriacus 'Blue Sky'*

- **Use:** Mid-late season color for hedges, perennial or shrub borders, specimen and containers. This is a nice addition to the mixed border, and can also be used as a specimen plant for late summer interest. Excellent for hedging.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun in ordinary soil. To increase bloom and to shape, prune to 2 buds per branch when dormant. Prefers to be watered under the leaves.
- **Growth:** Growing 10 to 12 feet tall and about 4 to 6 feet wide, it can be grown as a shrub or small tree.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Shrub/ Small Tree. Very heat tolerant!
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Medium green maple-like leaves.
- **Flower:** One of those summer-flowering shrubs with a soothing color that when in bloom will make you feel cooler just by looking at it! Produces an abundance of large, double sky-blue flowers with a touch of soft lavender during summer. If you love blue flowers this one is sure to please both you and the hummingbirds and butterflies who will feed on the flowers.