

Strawberry Smoothie Rose of Sharon



The contrast of its pastel flowers against vibrant green foliage is sure to brighten any sunny area of the landscape. Planting in groups of three or more or in line as a privacy hedge heightens its impact. A butterfly and hummingbird magnet, this tough and hardy shrub is the ideal low-maintenance ornamental.



Hibiscus (Althea) syriacus 'Strawberry Smoothie'

- **Use:** Hibiscus syriacus, also known as Rose of Sharon, is handy if you love the look of tropical flowers, but need something more reliable in a cold climate. They are woody, and these hard stems won't die back in the winter, standing up to cold weather better. It naturally grows into a vase shape, but the woody stems can be manipulated into a nice tree shape. It's gorgeous architectural interest for a more formal landscape.
- **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:** Grows 8' tall and 3-4' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9 Shrub/ Small Tree. Very heat tolerant!
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Medium green maple-like leaves.
- **Flower:** This variety of the hardy hibiscus bears luscious red buds that open to creamy pink, tissue-like flowers in the heat of the summer when little else is blooming. Add to the remarkable flowers the fact that this hibiscus is sterile, eliminating the messy seed pods that invade your borders, and you have a summer-flowering shrub with enormous appeal.

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