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Rose Mallow

Hibiscus laevis

Light: Sun, Partial Sun

Soil: Loam, Sand, Clay

Moisture Wet, Moist

Benefits: Pollinators, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Birds,

Deer Resistant

Height: 3' to 6'

Blooms: July, August, September

Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Color: Pink, White

Spacing: 2'

Root: Rhizome

This lovely wetland plant has been hybridized to create an array of popular traditional perennials, but the original is quite striking in its own right. The hollyhock-like blooms are three- to four-inches across and white or pale pink with a distinctive red eye. Rose Mallow is found in nature in damp to wet conditions but will do well in rich, moist garden soil. While it will tolerate some shade, it flowers best in full sun. It attracts butterflies with its showy blossoms.