

Hibiscus coccineus Walter
Scarlet Rose Mallow

Being a native to marshes and other wet areas here is a plant that will perform well only in constantly moist to wet soils and full sun. It will tolerate drier soils and partial shade but will not perform nearly as well there. Scarlet rose mallow can attain the impressive height of eight feet but is a rather skinny, upright plant and needs to be planted in masses to attain good effect. The flowers are large and red but generally only one or two will be blooming at the same time on any given stem.

The leaves of this plant bear a resemblance to those of *Cannabis* and when I first grew it I felt compelled to let my neighbors know that it wasn't what it looked like!

