

Hardy Hibiscus

Hibiscus moscheutos

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

5–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

4–8 ft

DEER

Resistant

ORIGIN

North American native

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Hardy hibiscus emerges 4–6 weeks later than almost every other perennial -- often not until late May or early June in zone 7, even later in zone 5. Mark the spot and do not dig it up. Once it gets going, it grows fast and blooms heavily from July through frost. Japanese beetles are a serious pest; have a plan before the plant comes into leaf.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/hardy-hibiscus-care/>