GrowerFacts Extra Hibiscus Luna

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OBJECTIVE

To develop culture recommendations for Hibiscus Luna

- Red
- Rose
- Pink Swirl
- White
- Mix





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TEMPERATURE

- Luna Hibiscus prefers warm temperatures.
- An average daily temperature above 68 °F is recommended.
- Growing below 68 °F causes foliage chlorosis or bronzing and long crop time.



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PLUG STAGE PLANT GROWTH REGULATOR

- Luna Hibiscus requires PGR to control plug and finish plant size.
- Chlormequat chloride (CCC) sprayed 10 days after sowing at 300ppm yields compact plugs.
- A tank mix of daminozide at 2500 ppm and CCC at 750-1000 ppm sprayed at 2 and 4 weeks after transplant controls plant height and yields darker green foliage.



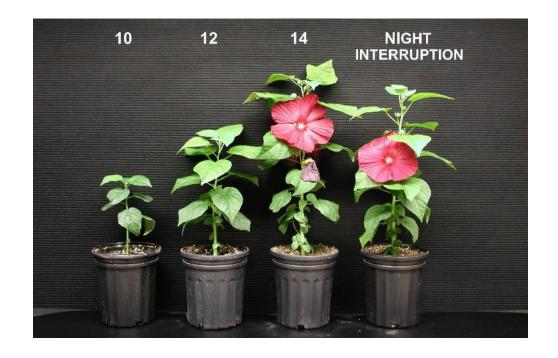


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PHOTOPERIOD RESPONSE

- Luna is a long day plant and requires ≥14-hour photoperiod to flower under lower light intensity.
- Under high light intensity plants flower under ≥12 hours.
- Plants become dormant at ≤10 hours.



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HIGH LIGHT AND SPACING

- High light promoted branching and reduced plant height.
- Appropriate spacing of plants is recommended to allow light penetration across canopy.

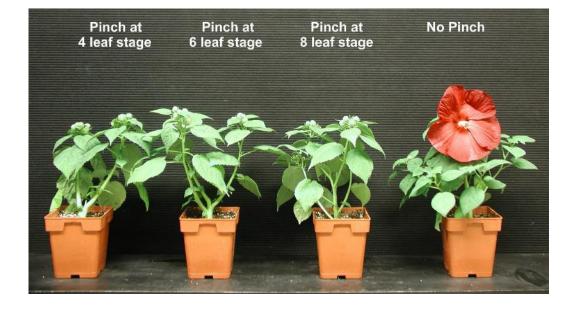


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PINCHING

- Luna branches naturally without pinching and pinching can cause poor branching if done too early (<6-8 leaves).
- Pinching delays flowering by 7-10 days.
- PGR application at plug stage works better to control plant stretch than pinching.



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WATER STRESS

- Hibiscus is a native marshland plant.
- It can survive under wet and waterlogged conditions and is sensitive to drought.
- Buds became yellow and abort after two cycles of wilt.
- Once planted outside, established plants with vigorous root systems can tolerate drier conditions.



Saturated Conditions

Drought Conditions (yellow buds)

