

Hibiscus Mahogany Splendor

(*Hibiscus acetosella*)

Annuals Culture (revised 02/15/23)

Plug crop time: 2 to 3 weeks

Transplant to finish: 5 to 6 weeks

- Adds awesome colour and dramatic height to landscapes and containers.
- Deep burgundy, maple-shaped leaves with serrated edges.
- Drought and heat tolerant; combines well with other vigorous sun-loving plants in containers.
- Can be grown directly in the water as a pond plant.

NOTE: Foliage will have green/ rust tones in the greenhouse, but matures to burgundy in full sun outdoors.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	-	36-60 in. (91-152 cm)	24-30 in. (61-76 cm)	24-36 in. (61-91 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days from 50% to maximum germination	Initial Media pH/EC (1:2)	Cover Seed
RAW	288	1	2-3	2-3	5.8-6.2 pH 0.75 mmhos/cm	Yes

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 3-4	Level 3-4	Level 3
Temperature	71-76°F (22-24°C)	68-73°F (20-23°C)	68-73°F (20-23°C)	65-70°F (18-21°C)
Light	Optional	1,000-2,500 f.c. (10,800-26,900 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)	2,500-5,000 f.c. (26,900-53,800 Lux)
Fertiliser		Less than 100 ppm N (Less than 0.7 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)

PGR daminozide/chlormequat chloride tank mix/2,500/300 ppm/Spray

Propagation Key Tips

Light for germination is optional.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 65-70°F (18-21°C) (night) 62-67°F (17-19°C)	5.8-6.2 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)	-

Crop Scheduling

Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide/chlormequat chloride tank mix 2,500/300 ppm Spray
4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	5-6 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 5-10 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	6-8 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide/chlormequat chloride tank mix 2,500/300 ppm Spray
5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	6-8 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 5-10 ppm Spray
8"/2 Gallon/20 cm	1 (ppp)	6-8 (weeks)	Spring	daminozide/chlormequat chloride tank mix 2,500/300 ppm Spray
8"/2 Gallon/20 cm	1 (ppp)	6-8 (weeks)	Spring	paclobutrazol 5-10 ppm Spray

Finishing Key Tips

A soft pinch will promote branching. Pinch about 2 weeks after transplant, leaving 4-5 nodes. Do not pinch too hard, as it may result in an undesirable habit.

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