



## Santa Rosa County Cooperative Extension Teaching and Demonstration Gardens



## Halberd-leaved Rose Mallow Hibiscus laevis

Halberd-leaved rose mallow, previously known as *Hibiscus militaris* is a rapidly growing perennial in the Malvaceae (mallow) family and is native to Florida, southeastern Canada, central and eastern United States. The genus name *Hibiscus* means mallow in Latin and Greek, and the species name *laevis* means smooth referring to the leaves which are hairless. This heat-tolerant plant attracts hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

Type: herbaceous perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 9b

**Uses:** Use in pollinator, butterfly, or rain gardens, along streams or ponds, or in wet areas of the cottage or native plant garden.

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 4 to 6 feet

Spread: 3 to 4 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: moist soil

**Drought tolerance:** average

Soil salt tolerances: low tolerance

Invasive potential: not considered invasive

Pest resistance: grasshoppers chew the

foliage and flower buds

MORE INFORMATION



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