

# Swamp Rose Mallow

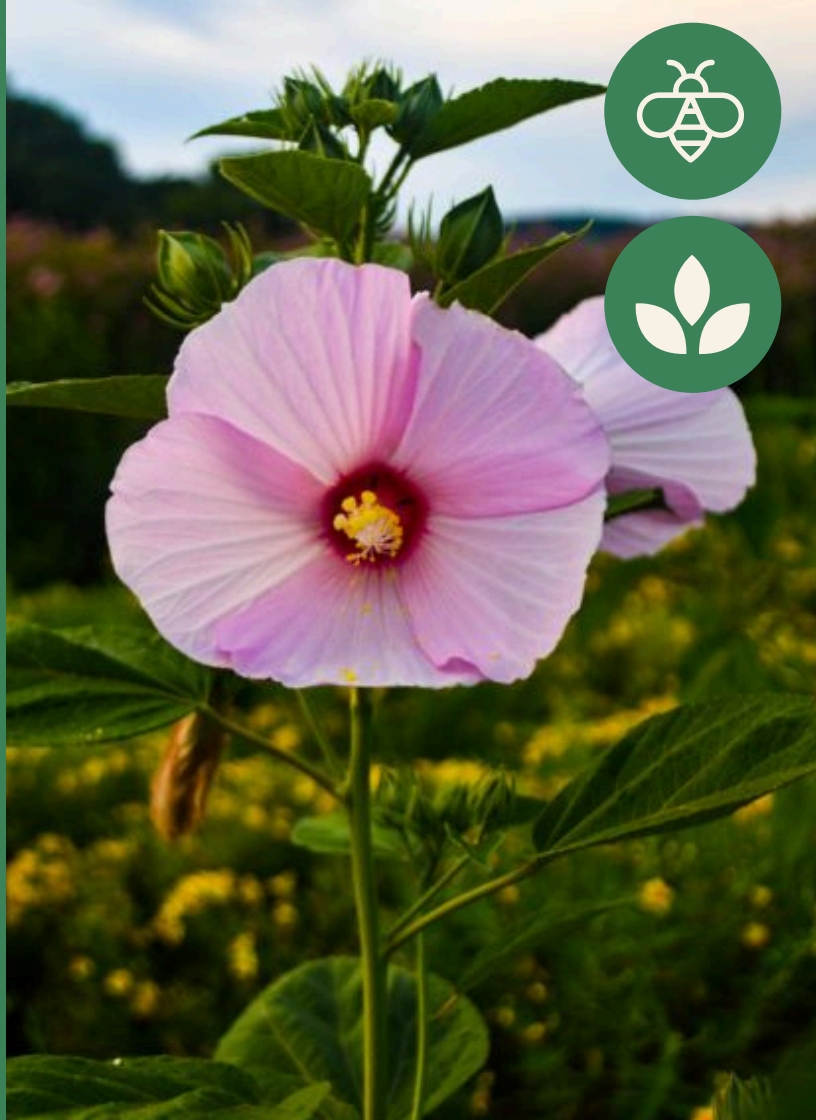
Swamp Rose Mallow is a native perennial that grows in wet, marshy conditions. It is increasingly rare in its native habitat. It has large, pale pink flowers with pollen-laden centres. It grows in a shrub-like form and works well in a rain garden.

Type: Perennial

Height: 1.5 m (5')

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Intermediate



## Growing

These seeds need to undergo scarification in order to germinate. Rub the tough seeds with sandpaper or a nail file, soak them in water for a day, and then sow them indoors about 6-12 weeks before the last frost. Sow seeds 3mm to 5mm (1/4 to 1/2") deep in moist, warm soil, using a heat mat.

Seeds can also be direct sown outside in the late fall for next-season blooms. Space seeds about 30-60cm (12-36") apart.

## Saving

At the end of the growing season, pick flower pods as they turn brown, dry, and mature. Let them dry for a week before peeling open the pods and removing the hard, dark brown seeds. Let them dry in a cool, dry location. Put the seeds into a dated and labelled envelope and return to Brock!