Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock

Alcea rosea 'Peaches n' Dreams'



Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 4 feet

Flower Height: 6 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Althaea rosea

Description:

Bold, ruffled, double peach colored flowers appear on towering spikes from mid to late summer; a wonderful addition to cottage gardens or along borders or fences; makes excellent cut flower displays; easy to grow and drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock features bold spikes of double peach round flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large tomentose round leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Self-Seeding

Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Peaches n' Dreams Hollyhock will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity extending to 6 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. However, this species tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.