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### **Paraplu Pink Ink® Rose of Sharon\***

*Hibiscus syriacus 'Minsywhi07'*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Shrub Althea

Group/Class: Paraplu Series

#### **Description:**

An upright, rounded shrub presenting abundant, large white blooms with striking, crimson centers and hot pink veins; attractive bright green foliage; very adaptable; ideal for the mixed garden border or massed as a hedge or screen

#### **Ornamental Features**

Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon features bold white trumpet-shaped flowers with crimson throats and hot pink veins along the branches from mid summer to early fall. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges light green in spring. The lobed leaves turn yellow in fall.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and 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;

- Insects
- Disease

Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon  
flowers*

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active 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.

Paraplu Pink Ink Rose of Sharon makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.

*\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*