

Botanical Name: *Lavatera maritima*
Common Name: Bush Mallow
Lav-a-TER-ah Mah-RI-ti-mah

SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Malvaceae
Origin: Western Mediterranean
Climate Zone: USDA 6-8, Sunset 6-9,12-24
Mature Height: 6-8 feet
Mature Width: 6-8 feet
Plant Type: Evergreen
Growth Habit: Open, upright, rangy
Growth Rate: Fast
Flower Color/Details: Showy white or pink blooms with reddish veins and deep purple center
Flower Season: Year-round
Bark: Sandy brown
Fruit: N/A
Foliage: Gray-green maple shaped leaves, fuzzy, shallow lobes
Use: Specimen, accent, Mediterranean, xeric gardens
Floral: Unknown
Wildlife/Beneficials: Nectar attracts beneficial insects, bees, butterflies
Deer Resistant: Yes
Fire Resistant: Unknown
Medicinal Uses/Edible: Unknown
Adverse Factors: Frost sensitive, may be short lived to five years or so, fewer pests or diseases than Hibiscus

Soil: Adaptable, well drained
Exposure: Full sun to part shade
Water Requirements: Low to moderate, somewhat drought tolerant
WUCOLS Water Needs: L L M M ? ?
UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No
Description: Evergreen shrub with Hibiscus-like flowers, informal look. Peak bloom period is early spring to late fall. Hardy down to about 20 degrees F. Sometimes referred to as Tree Mallow
Maintenance: Don't overwater; overwatering shortens lifespan. Prune back slightly in late winter. After first spring bloom, prune for a bushy look; remove old canes at base. Fertilize annually in late winter, before new growth appears, with a balanced food.



#1 Nursery Container