



Single Red Hibiscus (Brilliant)

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 9, 12-16, 19-24, H1, H2	Full sun	Requires excellent drainage	Regular watering	Bright red single flowers in profusion	Can reach 30 feet tall

Hibiscus is perhaps the best known tropical shrub and flower in the world. The form of the flower is known everywhere and there are hundreds of hybrids to enjoy in every color imaginable. Pictured is 'All Aglow' our favorite of them all. This hibiscus hybrid used to be available but now is very difficult to find. All Aglow can be excellent as a shrub or trained as a "tree" hibiscus

In zone 9-10, Hibiscus is a robust shrub of variable height to 15 feet, although most are seen much smaller due to pruning. Others like Hibiscus 'LaFrance' are correctly grown as a small trees. Be sure your soil is on the acid side. Like txora, keep away from concrete. Full sun is essential for high flower production. Feed well from spring through October and mulch is appreciated. Bud drop can be caused by hot weather and also from insects, such as thrips Many fancy hybrid Hibiscus plants grown for shows are small to tiny, perhaps 2 feet tall, and with minimal foliage. Of course, their fancy flowers are spectacular. These are not landscape plants as they require knowledge and attention Flowers are produced all year around in South Florida, but the best production is during the fall and spring when temperatures are moderate to cool. Hot weather bud drop is universal Some call hibiscus "Queen of Shrubs" as different types can be used in so many ways to provide color, beauty of bloom and ease of ownership. Hibiscus is likely the best shrub in the tropics.