

## Alcalthaea suffrutescens 'Parkallee' Parkallee Hollyhock

Alcalthaea suffrutescens 'Parkallee' (Parkallee Hollyhock) towers above the garden, boasting 6-8' tall, vertical columns coated with cream-pink, luscious blooms. This bushy, architectural marvel begins anew each year, quickly gaining height in spring. Dark green leaves are rounded, and palmate. Double-bloomed flowers bloom from July to September, much later than true hollyhocks. Large-petaled, ruffled blooms of cream to pink feature rich maroon centers. Flowers attract butterflies and birds. This plant is not a true hollyhock, but is thought to be a cross of hollyhock and mallow. Plant in full sun with dry to moist, well-drained soils for best performance. Staking is recommended. Plants grow deep taproots that resent transplanting and the flowers are sterile, but new plants may be propagated from cuttings. In the winter, it's bushy, architectural form can remain an aesthetically interesting garden feature, however for best blooms, it is recommended to cut it down to the ground once flowering is over.

**Botanical Name:** Alcalthaea suffrutescens 'Parkallee' (aka Alcea 'Parkallee')

**Common Name:** Parkallee Hollyhock

**Family:** Malvaceae

**Nativity:** Not Native to US

**USDA Zone:** 3 to 9

**Light Type:** Full sun

**Soil Type:** Sand, Loam, Clay

**Soil Preferences:** Moist, but well-drained

**Soil Moisture:** Dry to Moist

**Typical height (ft):** 6-8'

**Typical width (ft):** 4'

**Foliage:** Gray Green

**Bloom Time:** July, August, September

**Bloom:** Cream, Pink

**Ecological features:** Floral resources attract birds and butterflies

**Tolerance of:** Drought

**Additional notes:** Limited nursery availability; staking advised (particularly in windy locations); cut back after flowering.

**Companion plants:** Roses (Rosa spp.) Rose Mallow (Hibiscus moscheutos), Garden Phlox (Phlox paniculata), Delphiniums, Peonies, ornamental grasses and Foxgloves (Penstemon spp.)

**For more information see:**

<https://www.shootgardening.co.uk/plant/x-alcalthaea-suffrutescens-parkallee>

<https://thebloominggarden.wordpress.com/2014/08/20/a-special-hollyhock/>

<https://www.sarahraven.com/flowers/plants/perennials-spring-summer-planting/x-alcalthaea-suffrutescens-parkallee.htm>

<https://www.bethchatto.co.uk/plants-for-general-conditions/alcalthaea-suffrutescens-parkallee.htm>

**Images of x Alcalthaea suffrutescens 'Parkallee'**



Alcea Parkallee\_1.jpg

flowers close-up



Alcea Parkallee\_2.jpg  
Mass planting



Alcea Parkallee\_3.jpg  
in garden context



Alcea Parkallee\_4.jpg  
plant form

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