

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>

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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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