



halberd-leaved rose mallow

Hibiscus laevis

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The halberd-leaved rose mallow is a perennial herb. It has upright, unbranched stems that may grow to six feet tall. Its leaves alternate along the stem. Leaves are simple, pointed at the tip with a pair of lobes at the base, toothed, hairy on the lower surface and up to ten inches long. The large flowers arise singly from the base of the leaves. Flowers are usually white with a dark, reddish-pink base. Fruits are ovoid capsules that contain many seeds.

BEHAVIORS

The halberd-leaved rose mallow grows in moist soil such as that found around swamps and in marshes. This plant flowers from July through September.

HABITATS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bottomland forests | <input type="checkbox"/> rivers & streams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lakes, ponds & reservoirs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> swamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Michigan | <input type="checkbox"/> temp water supplies |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> marshes | <input type="checkbox"/> wet prairies & fens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> peatlands | |

ILLINOIS STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> common | <input type="checkbox"/> endangered | <input type="checkbox"/> threatened |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>native</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>exotic</u> | |

ILLINOIS RANGE

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