

First Editions®

Summer Ruffle™ Hibiscus Culture Sheet



First Editions® Summer Ruffle™ Hibiscus *Hibiscus syriacus* 'Aarticus' PPAF

Deciduous/Evergreen: Deciduous

Northern/Midwest Region Container Production

pH: 6.5 EC: 2.5

Hardiness: Zone 5-8

Fertilization Requirements	6 month incorp (19-2-8) at 10 lbs per yard at time of planting.
Overwintering Practices and Temperatures	Plants are consolidated in hoop houses. Fabric is laid over the plants. Temperatures are steady at 20-25°F under fabric.
Light Levels	Full sun
Water Requirements	Do not let plants dry out or they will start to turn yellow. They require 1" water every day during the heat of the summer.
Planting Season	March 15th to September 1st.
Propagation Method and Notes	Softwood cuttings are taken in mid-summer. The cuttings are dipped into a 1000 ppm IBA solution. Softwood cuttings are kept under intermittent mist until rooted, usually 30-35 days.
Pest/Disease Management	Japanese beetle and flea beetles can be a problem.
PGR Application	No experience with PGRs
Flowers on new or old wood	Blooms on old and new wood.
Special Notes	Once a hibiscus starts to bloom it is done growing for the year. To keep plants growing, trim before buds are set. Growth will be uneven because the older part of the plant will still be blooming and have new growth on top, but it will acutally make the plant nicer and create reblooms. Timing is very important in this step.

Estimated Finishing Times

Liner	#2 container	#5 container
Bareroot	Finish in 10-12 weeks using 12-18" liner.	Finish in 14-16 weeks using 18" liner.
Upshift		Finish in 1 1/2 years using #2 container.

Pacific Northwest Region Container Production

pH:6-6.5 EC: 1-1.5

Hardiness: Zone 5-8

Fertilization Requirements	8 month (18-6-11) incorp at time of planting
Overwintering Practices and Temperatures	Overwinter in a cold frame. Overwintering temperatures are greater than 20°F.
Light Levels	Part shade to retain nice green foliage.
Water Requirements	Keep moist but do not overwater. Approximately 1" daily during summer.
Planting Season	Planting occurs in spring.
Propagation Method and Notes	Softwood cuttings are taken in mid-summer. They are dipped into a 1000 ppm IBA solution. Cuttings are kept under intermittent mist for 30-35 days until rooted.
Pest/Disease Management	Bacterial leaf spot may be a factor and aphids have been observed.
PGR Application	No experience with PGRs
Flowers on new or old wood	Blooms on new and old wood.
Special Notes	If using a bareroot liner, it will take time to break bud and root out. Need heat.

Estimated Finishing Times

Liner	#2 container
Bareroot	Finish in 20 weeks using 12" liner.
LO (38) plug	Finish in 2 years.

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Note: The information presented should be considered as a starting point for best practices. Production times and product applications will vary depending on the growing region and conditions. It is the responsibility of the applicator to follow all current manufacturer label directions in a responsible manner.