



Arbor Day Foundation™

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Dear Member:

Thank you for your contribution to the Arbor Day Foundation and sharing our mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Your free trees are my way of saying thanks. A leaf identification key is on the back of this letter. Complete planting and transplanting instructions are in the enclosed *Tree Planting Guide*. You may contact Member Services if you have any questions about your trees. More complete information about each tree can be found in *The Tree Book* or in the online Tree Guide at **arborday.org**.

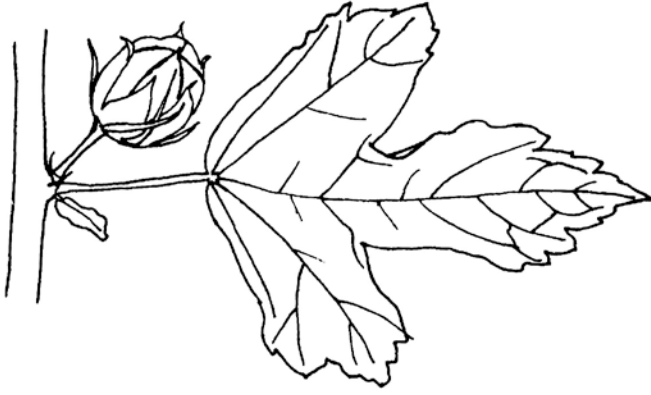
We want your tree planting experience to be successful. These trees are guaranteed to grow. If they don't, send your name and address and member number, if available, to the above address, and the entire packet of trees will be replaced free. Please enclose \$3.50 for shipping and handling and tell us which package of trees needs to be replaced. You may reach us by calling the toll-free number for Member Services, 1-888-448-7337, or e-mail us at **info@arborday.org**.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Allgood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia A. Allgood
Director, Procurement and Fulfillment

Leaf Identification



Rose-of-Sharon
(*Hibiscus syriacus*)

Rose-of-Sharon hibiscus is a medium sized shrub reaching 8-12' in height with a 6-10' spread. It has an upright, occasionally spreading form. The branches will not droop except in flower. Medium to dark green leaves emerge late in the spring, with no or little yellow fall color. The trumpet shaped, 2-4" five petal flowers can bloom late spring through early fall in colors of white, pink, red, purple or violet. Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers.

Rose-of-Sharon is tolerant of many soil textures, moisture conditions, and acid to alkaline pH if it is in full or nearly full sun. It requires ample moisture and some protection from midday to afternoon sun for flowering at its best. Plant 2-5' apart for a single row hedge.

While pruning can be done at any time, pruning in late winter or early spring will minimize the loss of emerging flower buds on new growth. Pruning heavily in early spring or pruning back to 2-3 buds will produce fewer but larger flowers. This hibiscus grows at a medium rate.