



Woolly Rose Mallow Plants

Planting Tips:

The woolly rose mallow tolerates light shade but prefers full sun. It tolerates summer heat and humidity very well, but soil should be kept moist.

Habitat:

This plant grows around ditches and other wetland areas. In the VEC habitat, several woolly rose mallow plants grow along the edges of the pond.

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The VEC promotes the sport of freshwater fishing in Mississippi, and encourages the conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources. The facility offers guided and self-guided tours along with a myriad of programs and workshops for the public.



Blossom

MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: WOOLLY ROSE MALLOW

(Hibiscus lasiocarpus)

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Capsules

Description:

Several stems branch from one plant. The stems of this hairy perennial stand upright. It has alternating, toothed leaves. Blossoms are large (white or pink) with a reddish “eye” at the base of the petals at the bloom’s center. Flowers cluster at the end of the stems, and seeds form in the capsules after blooming ends. These brown seeds are very small.



Season/Size:

Blooms may appear starting in April and continue to bloom through September.

The woolly rose mallow may grow to a height of 5 feet. Its leaves range in length from 4 to 6 inches. The blossoms are 3 to 4 inches long.

Other Names:

*Woolly Mallow, False Cotton,
or Rose-mallow.*



Blossoms and leaves



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Interesting Facts:

It is also known as “False Cotton.” The woolly rose mallow bloom is comparable to the cotton plant’s flower.

One bush produces hundreds of seeds. Green, hairy capsules will turn brown before opening to reveal seeds.



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.