

Hibiscus syriacus

COMMON NAMES

rose of Sharon

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

GENUS

Hibiscus

FAMILY

Malvaceae

AUTHORITY

Hibiscus syriacus L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

hibiscus: Name of very ancient origin used by the Roman poet Virgil for the marsh mallow plant.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hibiscus-syriacus/>

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