

**Creme de Cassis Hollyhock***Alcea 'Creme de Cassis'*

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Ornamental Features

Creme de Cassis Hollyhock features bold spikes of white round flowers with yellow eyes and ruby-red centers rising above the foliage from mid to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large round leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Creme de Cassis Hollyhock is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Disease
- Self-Seeding

Creme de Cassis Hollyhock is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- General Garden Use



Creme de Cassis Hollyhock
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Planting & Growing

Creme de Cassis Hollyhock will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. However, this variety tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed, although because it is a hybrid, the seedlings may not come true to type.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

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