

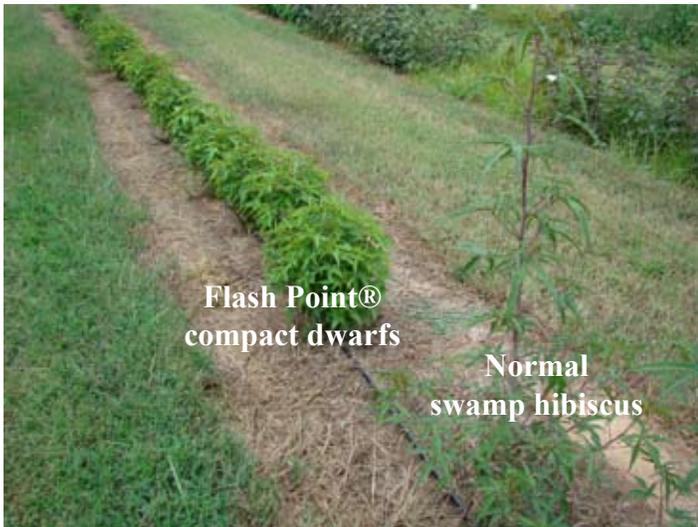
# Flash Point® Another Dynamite® Red!

Scarlet Rose-Mallow/ Swamp Hibiscus

*Hibiscus coccineus*, 'Whit XXII' cultivar, PPAF & PVPA\*

A spectacular, never before seen compact dwarf with huge scarlet flowers.

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Swamp hibiscus, sounds unattractive and scarlet rose-mallow is only slightly better. The native plant is tall, loose, and open, best described as ugly, but it produces large spectacular flowers in the leaf axils. Now, take that 5 to 8 foot tall plant and shrink it to a dense sphere of foliage about 20 to 30 inches in diameter, add 60 to 90 days of scarlet flowers 3.5 to 5 inch diameter over the surface, and a different flower position every day and ---- Spectacular!!! Flash Point® hibiscus, 'Whit XXII' cultivar always brings a reaction when I show the plant during summer. They point and ask "What is that?!" One look at the spectacular large scarlet blooms shaped like propellers on the compact dome of green foliage and the common name becomes unimportant. Additionally, this plant grows well in soils so wet and poorly drained where few other plants survive, as well as dry sandy and even normal soils. Another big plus is that Japanese beetles do not bother it and neither do whitetail deer. A spectacular compact shrub with great foliage and flowers that is not plagued by Jap. beetles and deer is rare!

*Hibiscus coccineus*, scarlet rose-mallow is native to swampy coastal areas from Virginia to north Florida and has naturalized along the gulf coast. But the plant performs well far beyond its native habitat, growing well as far north as southern Pennsylvania and as far west as central Oklahoma as well as along the entire west coast. Heat tolerance is great too, as long as at least modest moisture is available.

Flowers last only one day but, tomorrow there will be more and more the day after that, and beyond. The top dies following one hard freeze and can be removed for the winter. In spring, once soils have warmed, new growth emerges from the crown at the soil surface and by late June or July it is back showing off again. In the deep south Flash Point® functions like a semi-woody shrub but, further north, it functions like a hardy perennial.



Flowers best in full sun, but will tolerate a small amount of shade. Plant after soils have warmed in late spring. No pests or diseases have appeared in the 30+ years of development.

\* Plant Variety Protection Act