

SPECIES	Hibiscus heterophyllus
COMMON NAME	Native rosella
ORIGIN	Australia
DESIGN USE	Screen, container plant, feature plant, mixed planting



HEIGHT

3-6m

HABIT

Medium to large shrub of open habit,

FORM

Tall fast growing shrub which is a hardy and adaptable plant



FLOWERS

Flowers are large, up to 150 mm in diameter of typical hibiscus shape. The blooms are variable in colour and may be white, pink or yellow with a deep red centre

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring to summer



CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

In cold climates it may be cut back by frost unless grown against a wall or fence where warm air is trapped or where heat is retained in the structure. Frost-affected plants will often reshoot from the lower branches. Plants can become sparsely foliated with age but can be pruned back by about one-third if needed to maintain a bushy shape. The species prefers full sun or light shade.



HORTICULTURE

Propagation from seed is relatively easy and no special pretreatment is needed although germination will be faster if seed is abraded or soaked before planting. Cuttings also strike readily, particularly if cuttings are taken on an angle through a node and rooting hormone is applied to their ends.

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