



Tree Mallow

Lavatera spp.



Large, fast-growing shrubby perennial with gray green maple-like leaves and long blooming purplish-pink flowers with contrasting centers.
Will grow to 6' in one season.
Prune to keep dense and promote flowering.
Very low maintenance.

Suggested species: [*L. assurgentiflora*](#) (native; darker blooms with white centers);
[*L. maritima*](#) (light pink flowers with magenta centers)

Other: Can take any soil. Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees. Host for butterfly larvae.

More Information:

<http://www.laspilitas.com/plants/377.htm>

<http://www.elkhornnursery.com/default.aspx?pid=2989aedb-2f5a-41ec-9c05-61c5ebfda0e9&PlantId=22073>