

HIBISCUS, CHINA ROSE



Hibiscus is native to China. It is grown under a number of varietal and Latin names throughout the world.

Botanical Name *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes. Buds and flowers drop when exposed to ethylene.

Interior Light 100-400 foot candles or higher. Buds drop at low light levels.

Storage 50-60°F. Storage time is three days.

Purchasing Hints Plants should have three to four buds showing color at the time of sale.

Consumer Life While each flower lasts for a short time, expect at least two or three weeks of plant enjoyment at home.

Special Concerns Plants are very sensitive to ethylene — flower buds will drop and leaves will turn yellow. In addition to ethylene, cold temperatures, darkness, water stress and other stress factors can stimulate these disorders. Flower bud drop can be troublesome during, and especially after, shipping. Bud drop may not occur for five to seven days after arrival at store level; therefore, hibiscus should not be sold the first week after arrival if stressful shipping conditions are suspected.

Additional Information Flower bud drop is a major problem during shipment, regardless of flower bud maturity. Never store hibiscus in the dark for more than three days, as flower drop is likely, regardless of temperature. Plants should not dry out. Provide good light conditions.