

# *Lavatera assurgentiflora* Island or Tree Mallow (Malva Rosa)

LARGE SHRUB, SMALL TREE -  
evergreen.

10 - 15' high, equal spread.

Loose, open branching.

Large, maple-like leaves.

Bright lavender to rose-pink

'hibiscus-like' flowers -

March to November, with

peak bloom in mid-summer.



Native habitat: sandy flats and  
rocky places - Channel  
Islands.

Full sun.

Tolerates wind and salt spray.

Considered drought toler-  
ant along coast, but needs  
summer water (1 - 2 x /  
month) in hot places.

Grows rapidly. Fast screen.

Provides spectacular addition to garden.

Can prune or cut back for denser foliage  
or hedge-like growth.

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**RARE — CNPS List: 1B.1**

(Rare, threatened or endangered in California and elsewhere. Seriously  
endangered in California.)

