

*Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *Drummondii*  
**Wax Mallow, Turk's Cap**



Wax mallow is a woody perennial which flowers abundantly in part shade to full sun. The bright red flowers look much like an unopened Hibiscus. One of the common names is due to the resemblance to a sultan's turban. The flowers are a nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies from early summer to the middle of fall. The red fruits are shaped like tiny tomatoes, but are considered not edible by most sources. *Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *drummondii* is drought tolerant once established and handles southwest Georgia summer heat well and can survive low temperatures of cold winter nights. Best growth is attained in well drained soil. This is one of those plants often referred to as "pass-along".

**Height: 3' - 5', Spread: 2' - 4'**