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Botanical Name	Hibiscus rosa seninsis
Common Name	Nectar Pink or Pink Nectar
Mature Size	3'x3'
Plant Family	Malavace
Bloom Color	Pastel to Dark Pink
Bloom Period	Perpetual
Boom Form	Crested Double
Water	Moderate
Light	Protect from direct hot sun
USDA Zone	Zone 9, 10, 11
Fragrance	None
Uses	Feature, Standard, Potted
Special Features	Large Fancy Flowers



Hibiscus rosa seninsis or **Tropical Hibiscus** are attractive, flowering, tropical shrubs, they have perhaps the largest variation of bloom color as any species, as there are literally thousands with new hybrids constantly being introduced. Among the most popular ones are those classed as *Fancy* or *Exotics*. This class has larger, fancier flowers than the classic landscape types, and generally require more care and attention. But the stunningly beautiful flowers make them well worth the extra effort.

Tropical Exotic Hibiscus Nectar Pink or Pink Nectar is a large fancy multi toned single flower in shades of light pastel to dark pink. The flowers are large, averaging 7 to 8 inches across, with layers of multi-toned pink ruffled petals and pom pom like crest.

The large 7 to 8 inch blooms of **Nectar Pink** are born on a vigorous, upright growing bush with large glossy leaves, slightly rounded oval leaves. Although it can be grown planted in the ground in the tropics with very good care, it will perform better, produce larger flowers and live much longer as a well tended potted plant.

Should you decide to grow this hibiscus in the landscape; direct planting of 4 inch starter size hibiscus is not generally It can be grown and maintained as a potted plant indefinitely.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is a bit larger, here a few hints for successful growing in the tropical landscape or as potted plant.

- Plant in fertile, well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality compost as needed.
- Provide supplemental irrigation and maintain consistent soil moisture, but take care not to over water as this one will not tolerate soggy wet roots.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and twice yearly thereafter.
- Supplement with a water soluble plant food in between feeding.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching and strengthen the plant.
- Prune after flowering for shape and to control size.
- Monitor for symptoms of pests or disease and treat promptly.
- Be patient, as this one takes a bit of time to reach its full blooming potential.
- Protect from frost and freeze in all Zones.

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Care of Your New Hibiscus Plant

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new tropical hibiscus plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size Tropical Hibiscus directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new hibiscus plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately unpack, remove the wrappings and shipping gel and discard the gell.
- Re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizes like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze.

Tropical Hibiscus and many other tropical and subtropical plants can be grown as potted plant indefinitely and can be successfully wintered over indoors in colder climates, so long as they are moved indoors well ahead of temps into the 30's, are maintained in warm environment (minimum 40°F) with adequate, full spectrum light, and consistent soil moisture is maintained.

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