

## Texas Rock Rose - *Pavonia lasiopetala*

**Other Common Names:** Pavonia, Rose Mallow, Rock Rose, Wright Pavonia



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### ROCK ROSE

*Pavonia lasiopetala*

🇹🇽 **Native Perennial Annual**

🦋 **Hummingbirds, Butterflies, Moths**



**Full Sun / Part Sun**  
 2-4' Tall x 2-3' Wide



**Water: Low, drought tolerant**  
**Color: Pink, Yellow Stamens**

**Bloom:** Spring to fall frost

Texas Superstar®    Deciduous shrub    Nectar Source  
 Reseeds readily    Mulch for winter protection

**Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener**

### General Information

This Texas Superstar® is a woody perennial shrub with small pink, hibiscus-shaped flowers. Native to Texas' Edwards Plateau and the Trans Pecos area, Rock Rose is very drought tolerant and not too picky about soil.

### Characteristics

**Hardiness Zones:** 8 to 13

**Heat Tolerance:** High

**Size:** 2-4 ft H x 2-3 ft W

**Flowers:** Deep rose pink; open mornings and closed in afternoon

**Bloom time:** Spring through first frost

**Leaves:** Heart-shaped, light green, velvety

**Dormancy:** Winter

**Soil Requirements:** Adaptable; well-drained

**Propagation:** Seeds; soft-wood cuttings without buds/flowers

**Indoor/Outdoor:** Outdoor

### Pests and Disease Problems

Mildew is unavoidable

### Plant Care

Pavonia is an easily grown, popular garden accent plant throughout Texas. Minimal bed preparation is required. It has a woody base and an open-branching form, which may be kept more compact by pruning. Although Pavonia may live only 3 to 6 years, it will self-sow seeds or may be propagated with softwood cuttings. Grows in sun or part shade. Protect with mulch in Winter.

### Notes

Prune lightly during growing season to encourage bushiness; Soak seeds in hot water to improve germination

### Sources for Additional Information

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

[https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id\\_plant=PALA13](https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PALA13)

Native Plant Society of Texas

<https://www.npsot.org/posts/native-plant/pavonia-lasiopetala/>

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