## Summerific® French Vanilla Hardy Hibiscus





These North American native plants bring massive, tropical-looking flowers all the way to zone 4. Although later to emerge than most perennials in spring, these are fast growing plants capable of adding an inch of new growth a day. Excellent at brightening up end of season gardens.





## Hibiscus 'French Vanilla' PP33181

- <u>Use</u>: A new color for the collection and a breakthrough for yellow Hardy Hibiscus. Soft yellow flower buds open to 7-8" creamy custard yellow, ruffled flowers with a prominent red eye. Compared to the industry standard 'Old Yella', this Hibiscus retains its yellow color longer, has a more compact habit, has red stems and deeper green, more attractive foliage, and a very prolific floral production.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Full sun preferred, but will take a few hours of shade. Needs rich soils, consistent moisture and good drainage for best performance. Also does well in clay soils. Good air circulation may help to prevent disease.
- <u>Growth</u>: It has a plant height of 3.5-4' tall and 3-3.5' wide. Old stems should be pruned to the ground in spring.
- <u>Hardiness</u>: Zone 4-9 Perennial. Mulch during winter to protect roots from frost and prune in early spring for bushier growth.
- *Foliage:* Deciduous. Large, lush near black foliage.
- <u>Flower:</u> Huge 7-8", creamy custard yellow, ruffled flowers in summer until late October frosts. Flowers are more yellow in cooler conditions, whiter in hotter conditions.

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