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### JAPA

**Marathi:**

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**Botanical name:**

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis

**Synonyms:**

Hibiscus storckii Seem, Hibiscus festalis Salisb.

**Family:**

Malvaceae (Mallow family)

**Common name:**

china Rose, Chinese hibiscus

**Description:**

Nobody knows whether the hibiscus really is a native of China as its latin name, Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, (rosa-sinensis = Chinese Rose) suggests or not. Many believe, it comes from India. This large shrub or small tree grows to 15 feet high. The toothed leaves are arranged alternately and vary a lot, but tend to be large, dark green, and shiny. This plant has a coarse texture and may be upright or broad and spreading. It is often many-stemmed. Flowers are glorious and huge at their best -- up to 6" in diameter -- and occur in many colors. Most are flared and have a bell shape and may be single or double, smooth or scalloped. They have a long central tube with stamens and pistils at the tip.

**Attributes:**

Rasa- kashay, Tikta Veerya- Sheet Vipak- Katu Guna- Laghu, Ruksha.

**Medicinal uses:**

This plant has various important medicinal uses for treating wounds, inflammation, fever and coughs, diabetes, infections caused by bacteria and fungi, hair loss, and gastric ulcers in several tropical countries.