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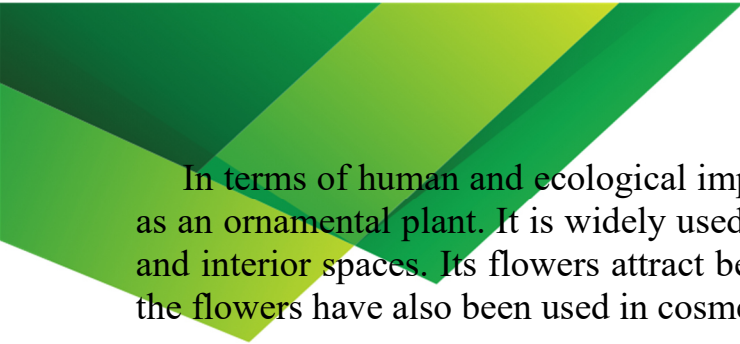
Chinese hibiscus (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*)

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis is commonly known as the **Chinese hibiscus** or China rose. It is an evergreen ornamental shrub that grows in tropical and subtropical climates. The plant is well known for its large, showy, and brightly colored flowers, which can be red, pink, orange, yellow, or even multicolored varieties. The petals are thin and silky, and a long protruding staminal column in the center gives the flower its characteristic appearance.



This species is native to East Asia and tropical regions, especially China and Southeast Asia. It has since spread widely across tropical countries as an ornamental plant. In Azerbaijan, it is mainly grown in warmer regions, greenhouses, and pots as an indoor or ornamental plant.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis prefers bright, sunny locations. It produces more abundant flowers in warm conditions and grows more actively in heat. It is sensitive to cold and must be protected in low temperatures. The soil should be fertile, loose, and well-drained. Regular watering and fertilization enhance flowering. With proper care, it can bloom continuously or repeatedly throughout the year.



In terms of human and ecological impact, the Chinese hibiscus is mainly valued as an ornamental plant. It is widely used to create a tropical atmosphere in gardens and interior spaces. Its flowers attract bees and other pollinators. In some cultures, the flowers have also been used in cosmetics and traditional medicine.

Its main uses include ornamental gardening, indoor decoration, and landscape design. It is commonly planted in parks, greenhouses, and balconies. Due to its large and colorful flowers, it is considered a symbol of tropical gardens.

Interestingly, the flowers of *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* are short-lived, usually lasting only one day. However, the plant continuously produces new flowers, giving it a constantly blooming appearance. This trait makes it a symbol of continuous renewal and beauty.

