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Hibiscus malvaviscus

[Synonyms : *Achania coccinea*, *Achania malvaviscus*, *Achania mollis*, *Hibiscus coccineus*, *Hibiscus nutans*, *Malvaviscus acapulcensis*, *Malvaviscus acapulcensis* var. *mexicanus*, *Malvaviscus arboreus*, *Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *arboreus*, *Malvaviscus arboreus* var. *lobatus*, *Malvaviscus balbisii*, *Malvaviscus mollis*, *Malvaviscus rivularis*, *Malvaviscus sepium*]

SLEEPING HIBISCUS is an evergreen shrub. Native to tropical America, it has scarlet flowers with protruding stamens.

It is also known as *Hibiscus-piment* (French), Pepper hibiscus, Turkey's hat, Turk's cap, Turk's cap mallow, and Wax mallow.

Malvaviscus is derived (as is the genus *Malvaviscus*) from Latin *malva* (mallow *Malva sylvestris*) and *visci* (glue, sticky, bird-lime) components with reference to the sticky pulp surrounding the seeds.