

# Native Rosella

*Abelmoschus moschatus subs. tuberosus*

A-bell-MOS-kus MOSS-kuh-tuss ssp. tew-ber-ROH-suss



**A fast-growing herbaceous plant with soft hairy stems that produce watermelon red 'hibiscus-like' flowers that last for one day, which are then followed by papery seed pods.**

This interesting plant can be weakly trailing or partially upright. The underground tuber can die back during the dry season emerging again with the first substantial rains of the wet season. Leaves, shoots and tuberous roots can be eaten raw or cooked.



**Category:** Shrubs (under 5m)

**Height:** 2 metres

**Spread:** 2 metres



Full sun - part shade



Prefers adequate moisture



Well drained soil



Insect attracting



Traditional use plant

## DID YOU KNOW?

It is a relative of the edible Okra and tubers and foliage were a source of food for Aborigines.