

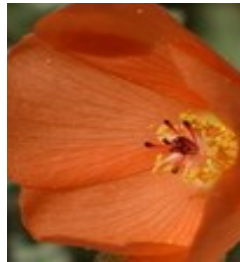


UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Desert Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*)



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Zone: 6-8

Color: Orange, lavender, red, pink

Bloom Time: April to September

Plant Type: Perennial herb, sub-shrub

Mature Height: 1-3' tall

Mature Spread: 2-3' wide

Water Use: Extremely low, very low

Soil Type: Dry, rocky, sandy, loam, and clay soils; well-drained

Range and Native Habitat: The Desert Globemallow occurs from northwest Mexico to parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. It can be found in creosote bush scrub and desert chaparral habitats below 3,500 feet on dry, rocky slopes, edges of sandy washes, roadsides, and disturbed areas.

Suggested Maintenance: Prune after blooming to prevent the plant from becoming too woody. Seedlings can be transplanted to other areas in the fall. Although highly drought tolerant, supplemental water will enhance flowering.

Other: The Desert Globemallow is host to a number of butterfly species including the gray hairstreak, painted lady, and the common checkered skipper. It is one of the most drought-tolerant native species. The plant is most prolific in the spring.

Wildlife Supported



Distribution Map



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Extremely low, very low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, untreated