



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Desert Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*)



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Zone: 5-8

Color: Orange, red, pink, lavender

Bloom Time: February through March

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 3' tall

Mature Spread: 2-4' wide

Water Use: Very low

Soil Type: Adaptable, but prefers dry and alkaline soil

Range and Native Habitat: Desert Globemallow is native to Utah, California, Nevada, Arizona, and North-west Mexico. Its native habitat is usually among desert scrubs on dry, rocky slopes and edges of sandy washes.

Suggested Maintenance: Prune after blooming to prevent the plant from becoming too woody.

Other: Desert Globemallow produces a beautiful orange that provides habitat for several species such as native bees and skipper butterflies. It blooms mostly in the spring but will continue to bloom throughout the year in response to precipitation and watering.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Very low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed