



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Gooseberry-Leaf Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia*)



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Zone: 3-8

Color: Red to orange

Bloom Time: April to August

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 2-3' tall

Mature Spread: 1-2' wide

Water Use: Extremely low to very low water

Soil Type: Clay to gravel soils. It can tolerate alkaline soils and is often association with volcanic soils.

Range and Native Habitat: Gooseberry-leaf Globemallow occurs throughout the western U.S. in dry plains, open desert washes, playas, hillsides, foothills, mesas and canyons from 2,600-7,500 feet in elevation.

Suggested Maintenance: The plants are soft-stemmed and will often die back in winter only to regrow in spring. Removing spent blooms encourages later reblooms. If the plant flops over after first bloom, the stems can be cut back during the summer.

Other: Gooseberry-leaf Globemallow is very drought resistant and will remain green throughout the summer. It readily seeds on disturbed, exposed areas in harsh environments. It provides larval host plants for several skipper butterfly species, painted ladies, and the white-lined sphinx and forage for numerous species of native bees.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Extremely low to very low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed