


Sphaeralcea ambigua

GLOBE MALLOW, DESERT MALLOW

Gray-green floriferous perennial shrubs. Triangular gray-green pubescent foliage grows on vertical stems from basal woody clumps. Wild native plants are summer deciduous, in urban landscapes plants are evergreen, but can be shorter lived. In spring to summer bright orange 1 in. mallow blooms occur on 2/3 of every stem making a bright and striking flower display. They require water to get established but can eventually exist on rainfall alone but will go dormant during the heat of low desert summers unless they are provided periodic water. Globe mallow shows up in mixed grasslands, rocky slopes, washes, and roadsides in association with virtually every other type of native plant. They work well as flowering accent plants with ocotillos, cacti, yuccas and Agave sp.



DESCRIPTION	
	UP TO 4 FT. x 2-5 FT.
	FULL SUN
	USDA ZONE 8-11
	NORTH AMERICA
	ORANGE
	LOW
	TO 20°F