

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Copper Globe Mallow Sphaeralcea angustifolia

DESCRIPTION: Copper Globe Mallow is native to the Southwest, western Great Plains, and northern Mexico. It is a perennial, characterized by globular flowers accented by pale green foliage on upright stems. Blooms are orange to peach in color. A member of the Hibiscus family, it flowers in spring, with a lighter flowering with the summer rains. Plants grow to 3 feet tall and as wide, but can be kept smaller by limiting water and pruning. It can spread by rhizomes. Copper Globe Mallow is a good food source for native bees and desert tortoises love it.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use these plants in the xeriscape

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Down to 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to very light shade.



Watering and feeding: Irrigation is unnecessary for established plants, except in the driest years. Supplemental watering in spring may extend the blooming season a few weeks.



Soil requirements: Will grow on nearly any soil.



Pruning: Cut to ground every winter to encourage compact, vigorous growth and copious flowers.