




SPHAERALCEA AMBIGUA

Globe Mallow

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Native to SW United States

Why we love it...

The native Globe Mallow can be found flourishing in the wilderness along roadsides, in washes, and on rocky hillsides in the Southwestern United States. Greyish green foliage and stems make this a very attractive low-water perennial. Cup-shaped translucent flowers bloom in an array of colors such as scarlet, white, pink, and yellow, with orange being the most prevalent.

Globe Mallow is a dependable spring-bloomer, and will sporadically blossom throughout the growing season. The luminous flowers attract butterflies and native birds. Plant this desert darling in a hot spot with reflected sun among other spring-flowering perennials like penstemon for dramatic shows in color. It also works wonders to soften hard landscapes filled with ocotillo, prickly pear, or agave.



Lydia says: Shear off spent flowers to initiate multiple rounds of flowering.

Perennial:
Sphaeralcea ambigua

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 2-3 feet

Blooms: Orange, red, pink, purple, white in spring, summer, and fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 15° F, USDA Zone 8

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter to early spring



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