



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Rusby's Desert Mallow *Sphaeralcea rusbyi*

DESCRIPTION: Rusby's Desert Mallow is native to a large area of the Southwest. It is an herbaceous perennial, characterized by globular flowers accented by "geranium-looking" green foliage. Blooms are orange. A member of the Hibiscus family, it flowers in spring, with a lighter flowering with the summer rains. Plants grow to 2 feet tall and as wide. It can spread by seed. Rusby's Desert 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 15°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: Prune as needed.