



## SPHAERALCEA AMBIGUA GLOBE MALLOW

This native perennial has a relaxed, sprawling form that mixes well with other desert plants. Although a light orange flower color is the most common, other color selections have been made from wild populations, ranging from pink to red to white to lavender. Our blocks of regular *Sphaeralcea ambigua* contain a mix of several flower colors. Globe mallow may start to look rangy after flowering, and should be cut back to about six inches tall in the early fall. Soon after, it will generate many fresh herbaceous stems from the woody base, quickly reaching a height and width of three feet in one growing season. The small, grayish-green, three lobed leaves are covered with tiny hairs that can be irritating to some people. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves when pruning this plant! Globe mallow is extremely drought tolerant.

### AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 3 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Mostly Orange, but Also White, Pink, Red and Lavender
FLOWER SEASON	Spring
EXPOSURE	Full Sun, Reflected Heat
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Shear After Flowering



The most common orange-flowering form of Globe Mallow is shown above. Other colors do occur in nature as show in the photos to the right.



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