



Sphaeralcea ambigua
Apricot Mallow

Shrub

Full sun

Moderate water

Origin: California

This mallow is a California native subshrub from the desert woodlands. It grows about 18 inches high and one foot wide. It is easy to grow, has showy flowers and blooms nearly year round with a little extra water during the summer. The flower can grow up to four feet tall. The open habit combines well with grasses and boulders.

Prune back to six inch long stems after flowering has finished to refresh the foliage. Small mammals and deer like to eat it so some protection may be needed. Leaf miner can sometimes be a problem but damage is usually limited.