



Sidalcea malviflora

Checkerbloom

Perennial

Part sun

Moderate water

Origin: California, Oregon

Checkerbloom is a variable plant that can be either spreading or stiffly upright reaching a height of six to twenty four inches. Spreading stems can root to form a wider plant. The leaves are a dark blue green and sometimes hairy. Leaves near the base are rounded and lobed on the edges. Higher leaves are more deeply cut along the edges. The five petal flowers look like Hollyhock flowers. Flowers are purple pink and bloom in early spring. It will go summer dormant if not watered and re sprout with winter rains. It looks good combined with Seaside Daisy and grasses as part of a meadow planting. Trim Checkerbloom after flowering for a fresher appearance.