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Indian Mallow or Pintapán Cimarrón *Abutilon mollicomum*

DESCRIPTION: This is one of the many species of Indian mallow found in our region. It can be found growing on steep, rocky slopes and in canyon bottoms. It is nearly a herbaceous perennial, usually freezing back to a short crown each winter. Flower spikes grow quickly to 6' or more tall. Blooms are ¾" across, and bright orange in color. Flowering season is from April until first frost. Indian mallow has green foliage glistening with silvery hairs which provides interesting texture in a xeric garden. This Indian Mallow is a great food source for the caterpillars of the Mallow Scrub-Hairstreak, Common Streaky butterflies, as well as Laviana, Arizona Powdered, and Erichson's White Skippers

RECOMMENDED USE: Rock garden, enhanced desert revegetation.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It is frost hardy, and has been tested to 25°F with little damage. If frost damaged, prune back after regrowth begins in spring.



Sun tolerance: This plant thrives in full sun to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Watch watering during the first hot season. After establishment, a weekly watering will help it look its best. Fertilizing is not necessary.



Soil requirements: Any soil.



Pruning: Minor pruning may be necessary to keep it in bounds. Cut it back in the winter to encourage bushy, new spring growth.