



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Parish Indian Mallow

Abutilon parishii

DESCRIPTION: This is one of the many species of Indian mallow found in our region. It can be found growing in steep, rocky, southerly-facing canyons. A herbaceous perennial, Parish Indian Mallow usually freezing back to a short crown each winter. Flower spikes grow quickly to as much as 7' tall. Flowers are ½" across, and bright orange in color. Flowering season is from April until first frost. Butterflies, especially Sulfurs, are attracted to the blooms.

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 or filtered light.



Watering and feeding: Be attentive to 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.