

*Sphaeralcea ambigua*

## Apricot Mallow, Desert Hollyhock

WOODY PERENNIAL - evergreen  
to drought deciduous.

2 - 4' high, 2 - 4' wide.

Upright.

Gray-green leaves with fine hairs.

Apricot-orange flowers along full  
length of wand-like stems -  
March to June.



Native habitat: creosote bush scrub,  
Joshua tree woodland; dry,  
rocky slopes and canyons,  
mostly below 4000' - middle  
to high deserts, California to  
Utah.



Needs sun, heat, good drainage.

Sandy soil.

Best inland.

Needs periodic deep water first  
summer - about 1 x / month.



Mixed perennial border.

Good accent in desert gardens.

Photographs by Carolyn Martus

