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Indian Mallow or Malva Pintapán *Abutilon abutiloides*

DESCRIPTION: This is one of the many species of *Abutilon* found in our region. It can be found growing in steep, rocky, south-facing canyons of desert mountains. It is a semi-woody perennial shrub, reaching as much as 4' in height. Flowers are 3/4" across, and pale peach in color. Flowering season is from April until first frost. 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 15°F. Although it died back, it resprouted from the base.



Sun tolerance: This plant thrives in full sun or filtered light.



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. If frost damaged, prune back after regrowth begins in spring.