

<u>Botanical Name:</u>	<u>Abutilon palmeri</u>		
<u>Common Name:</u>	<u>Indian Mallow</u>	<u>Family:</u>	<u>Malvaceae</u>
<u>Type of Plant:</u>	<u>Dicot-shrub</u>	<u>Character:</u>	<u>Evergreen</u>
<u>Habit of Growth:</u>			
Overall Shape	<u>Dense, rounded, irregular; taller than wide at maturity; soft stems and leaves give a light attractive look, more open if in light shade</u>		
Height: <u>To 4'</u>	Spread: <u>To 4'</u>	Growth Rate:	<u>Fast</u>
<u>Environment:</u>			
Exposure	<u>Full sun; will take light shade in hottest inland areas</u>		
Soil	<u>Adaptable, will take clay soil as long as it drains well</u>		
Hardiness	<u>Sunset Zones 8-9, 11-13</u>		
<u>Morphology:</u>			
Leaves	<u>Alternaeete, soft, velvety silvery leaves, broadly ovate to heart-shaped; with dentate margins; 2-6"</u>		
Flowers	<u>Poppy-like gold/orange flowers; cup-shaped, 5 petals, year-round</u>		
Fruit	<u>Dry fuzzy schizocarpic capsule, splits open at maturity</u>		
<u>Propagation:</u>	<u>By seed</u>		
<u>Usage:</u>	<u>For dramatic foliage color, beautiful contrast to dark greens, dry or native gardens, attracts butterflies and other pollinators</u>		
<u>Landscape Care:</u>			
Watering	<u>Drought tolerant but may go stress-deciduous, infrequent summer water</u>		
Fertilizing	<u>None</u>		
Pruning	<u>Cut back flowering stems to first set of full leaves, tip pinch for density</u>		
Pests/Diseases	<u>Rabbits</u>		
Other	<u></u>		
Origin:	<u>Sonoran Desert to Orange County, San Diego County, San Jacinto Mtns</u>		