

Botanical Name: Pavonia spinifex

Common Name: Pavonia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Malvaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape A dense, rounded evergreen shrub with small spines on the branches; superficially resembles Anisodonteia in form and flowers

Height to 10 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to orbicular, to 1" across, alternate, with coarsely dentate margins; 3/4" semi-stiff spines set throughout the branches

Flowers yellow, cup-shaped malva flower to 1" across – flowers turn rusty red as they mature and die

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in summer or fall

Usage: excellent durable filler or background shrub used for its dense form and nearly year-round blooming season; used in temperate or subtropical landscape styles – can be an informal screen or hedge

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering – drought tolerant when established

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to encourage bushiness and control size

Pests/Diseases none major

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Tropical America