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## **GLOBE MALLOW**



Globe Mallow Photo by National Park Service

MARCOPA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION This month, we are learning all about the Desert Globe Mallow, *Sphaeralcea ambigua*. Here are some fun and key facts:

- The Desert Globe Mallow is a perennial flowering plant and is a favorite food of desert tortoises.
- The Globe Mallow bee (*Diadasia diminuta*) collects pollen solely from mallow flowers.
- The Desert Globe Mallow is also sometimes called the pink-eye poppy because it is covered in hairs that can be an eye irritant.

Source:

Arizona-Sonora <u>Desert Museum, Plant Fact Sheet: Desert Globe Mallow -</u> <u>https://www.desertmuseum.org/kids/oz/long-fact-sheets/Globe Mallow.php</u>

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