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Abutilon palmeri

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This native variety produces stunning gold-apricot cup-shaped blooms that keep coming and coming, over silvery gray-green foliage; a perfect container plant; attracts hummingbirds

Ornamental Features

Palmer's Indian Mallow features showy yellow cup-shaped flowers with gold overtones at the ends of the branches from mid spring to late summer. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves remain grayish green in color with showy silver variegation throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Palmer's Indian Mallow is a multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Palmer's Indian Mallow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Palmer's Indian Mallow flowers
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Planting & Growing

Palmer's Indian Mallow will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Palmer's Indian Mallow is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.