

**Botanical Name:** *Abutilon palmeri*

**Common Name:** Indian Mallow, Superstition Mallow



**Family:** Malvaceae

**Habitat:** Rocky slopes

**Native Distribution:** SW Arizona, SE California, NW Mexico

**Elevation:** Up to 2,500 ft

**Hardiness:** 20°F

**Type:** Evergreen

**Size:** 5' tall x 5' wide

**Shape:** Upright

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Flowers:** 1-2" yellow to apricot poppy-like blooms

**Bloom Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** Round pods with kidney-shaped seeds

**Foliage:** 2" soft, grayish-green heart-shaped leaves

**Exposure:** Full, reflected sun to part sun

**Shade:** Filtered

**Water Requirements:** Low

**In the Landscape:** Use as a background plant on a hot wall or near a patio or walkway. Also can be used to create a tropical or oasis effect (eg, around a pool). Often used in medians, parking lots, etc. Little to no maintenance or litter.

**Wildlife:** Attracts bees and butterflies.

**Other Stuff:**

- Shear to the ground after blooming to encourage more dense growth.
- Can get leggy in the shade with fewer blooms, requiring selective pruning to maintain its rounded form.
- May cause minor skin irritation or allergies.