

## August 2019 Plant of the month



### **Abutilon Palmeri “Superstition Mallow“**

A southwest native many have seen but never really known. Semi-evergreen shrub grows to an average of 5 ft by 5 ft, with large velvety heart shaped leaves in silvery green. Graced with rich, deep yellow to orange five petaled cup shaped flowers spring through fall. How could you not fall in love with this hardy plant that loves the rocky to sandy, well-drained soil that needs low water and good drainage. Frost hardy to the mid 20's, but it will regrow every year.

An exceptional choice for any landscape needing a native touch, this beauty will happily grow in a xeriscape, sensory garden or naturalizing for the wildlife as it is visited by pollinators of all sorts, from bees to hummingbirds and butterflies. Young plants may even get a nibble from the rabbits.