PLANT FACT SHEET

Sphaeralcea coccinea (Nutt.) Rydb.

GENUS *Sphaeralcea* **FAMILY** Malvaceae

COMMON NAMES Globemallow, Prairie mallow, Red false mallow, Scarlet mallow

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

The root is used to make a drink.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It grows 15-45 cm high and spreads 15-30 cm wide. It is well branched and keeps growing from year to year. The stems often lie along the ground and form mats. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaves are divided long the stalk. These divisions are forked or lobed and have soft hairs. The leaves have a rough texture and are grey-green. The flowers are orange-red. They are 12-20 mm across. They occur in short, dense leafy spikes. The fruit is dry and has segments with a few seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in light sandy soil in dry prairie. It suits hardiness zones 4-9.

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