

Hibiscus coulteri

Desert Rosemallow

- Family: Malvaceae
Genus: Hibiscus
Species: coulteri
Height: 12" to 48"
Blooms: Throughout the year, vigorously in July to September
Elevation: 1,500' to 4,000'
Habitat: Canyons and rocky slopes
Flowers: Yellow or whitish with red basal spot, 5 broad rounded petals, cup-shaped, 3/4" to 1 1/2" long.
Leaves: Dark green and reddish-margined, glandular, hairy, and toothed. Trilobed upper leaves to 1" long, lower undivided leaves to 1 1/2" long.
Range: Southern Arizona, far southwest New Mexico, Big Bend area of Texas, and Northern Mexico
Notes: This is a temperate representative of a mostly tropical genus consisting of nearly 300 species. Photo taken in the Four Peaks area in May 2001.



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