Munro’s Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea munroana*)
Mallow Family

**Why Choose It?**
Munro’s Globemallow offers eye-catching salmon-red flowers that look like smaller versions of hollyhock, its cousin. This perennial blooms and blooms starting in May and continuing well into the hot part of the summer when other plants have hung it up for the season.

**In the Garden**
Adaptable and cheerful, this pleasing plant tolerates drought and resists deer. Munro’s Globemallow has an open growth form, 1 to 2 feet tall, that makes it a natural for foundation plantings, rock gardens, and borders.

**The Facts**
Munro’s Globemallow supports its exceptional brick-red flowers with gray-green leaves and stems. A sun lover, this plant can handle nearly any soil, from sand to clay. Plant it in the fall to catch the rains. Once it’s growing well, its woody roots will seek out all the water it needs. Trim off the old flowers during bloom time to encourage new ones, and cut the old branches to the ground in the spring to get fresh growth each year.

**Where to See It**
Broadly distributed across eastern Washington, look for Munro’s Globemallow in dry sites, often with sagebrush, from rocky or desert plains into the hills and lower mountain slopes.
And, hey, why do the leaves look powdery?

Take a look with a hand lens or strong magnifying glass. The leaves are covered with tiny star-shaped hairs—what the botanists call “stellate pubescence.”