

# Purple Poppy Mallow

## *Callirhoe involucrata*

Purple Poppy Mallow is a perennial plant that grows in full sun and medium to medium-dry soil. It creates a stunning display of chalice-shaped, magenta blossoms that bloom from spring-summer. Its flowers open each day and close at night, and it experiences an extensive blooming period. Mature plants spread out over about 3 feet and provide good groundcover for dry, depleted soils. Purple Poppy Mallow works well with neighboring plants.

**To use:** This plant requires full sun to maintain healthy growth and thrives in depleted and gritty soils. Too much moisture and shade tend to create rot and pest problems. This plant develops a very long taproot, making it drought resistant but also difficult to transplant, so choose its site carefully. Purple Poppy Mallow will self-seed when it is happy. Directly sown from the plant, seeds have a very tough coating that can be amended by a “boil water treatment” prior to germination. To do the boil water treatment for seed germination: Bring water to boil. Pour over seed and allow to soak at room temperature for 24 hours prior to planting. Water after planting.



Seed Source: Prairie Moon Nursery