**Malacothamnus fasciculatus**

Chaparral Mallow

Malvaceae

**Exposure** Full sun

**Water** No summer water

**Form** Deciduous shrub

**Height** 6 feet

**Flower color** Pink

**Bloom time** Summer

Chaparral mallow forms a fountain-shaped shrub with hairy gray leaves. The flowers in shades of pink, resembling small hollyhocks, appear in spikes or panicles during the summer. This is a good plant for a dry garden or bank cover. Cut back after bloom for best appearance. Rhizomes may spread to form thickets. Give good drainage.

**Habitat** Coastal scrub, chaparral

**Warning** Wear protection from hairs when pruning