

Common Mallow



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Malva neglecta



Common Mallow Seedling.

Photo: Phil Westra, Colorado State University,
Bugwood.org.

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Flowering Common Mallow.

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