

## Malva

### Description:

Malva or Little Mallow (Cheeseweed) is a winter annual and is found throughout the county. Seed leaves are distinctly heart shaped and tinged red. True leaves are semi-circular with wavy, shallow-toothed margins and a red spot at the leaf base. The mature plant forms dense bushes that trail along the ground or grow upright, 1 to 4 feet tall. It has a tough, woody stem. Its flowers are white with a bluish or pinkish tinge and are held in clusters in the leaf axils. The fruit resembles a miniature wheel of cheese.

