



Argemone corymbosa, PRICKLY POPPY

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PLANTS FOR A ROCK GARDEN:

Calliandra eriophylla
Ericameria cuneata
Eriogonum kennedyi
Eriogonum crocatum
Fallugia paradoxa
Helianthemum scoparium
Justicia californica
Opuntia prolifera
Penstemon species
Sphaeralcea ambigua
Yucca whipplei

Prickly Poppy is an herbaceous perennial native to the high desert, requiring full sun and well-drained soil. Reaching 3 feet tall and wide with large, papery white "fried egg" flowers and grey-green leaves, this plant is like a smaller version of the famous Matilija Poppy. True to its name, the stems, leaves and flower buds are protected with spines. Carefully cut the browned stems after flowering, or leave seed pods to dry. New growth as well as seedlings will sprout with the rains. Combined with other heat-loving perennials in a dry rock garden or border, this plant makes an eye-catching summer-flowering accent.

