

**RESCUING THE ENDANGERED TEXAS POPPY-MALLOW (*CALLIRHOE SCABRUSCULA*)**

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Texas poppy-mallow, an endangered plant of deep sandy soils near the upper Colorado River, was rescued from a private land site in Runnels County slated for development. A group of cooperators from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Angelo State University, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the private landowners put together a plan in a weeks' time and removed 54 plants in two days. In addition over 5000 seeds were collected from this population. The plants are temporarily housed at the Wildflower Center until a relocation site is selected. Several techniques and lessons were learned during this rescue. The main take-home message is that all rare plants should have a rescue plan as well as safe sites in which to accommodate the refugees.