



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Red Jacobinia or Muicle Cimarrón *Justicia candidans*

DESCRIPTION: Red Jacobinia (aka Arizona Waterwillow) is a small shrub with upright spreading stems and medium-sized green oval leaves. Both stems and leaves are covered with felty hairs. It grows at a moderate rate to 5' by 3'. Bright red to red-orange tubular flowers add a blaze of color for much of the growing season. It is a great attractant for hummingbirds and butterflies. Red Jacobinia can be found growing wild in moist rocky canyons from southern Arizona south, into Sonora, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: This is a very popular landscaping plant in Arizona. Use as an accent, for its flowers, to attract hummingbirds and butterflies, or in a xeriscape or enhanced desert revegetation.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: This plant can tolerate quick dips in temperature to 20°F but may be damaged by prolonged deep freezes. Protect it from frost or plant it against a south-facing wall if site condition warrant it.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade needed for a tighter form, but will bloom well in most conditions.



Watering and feeding: It needs moderate watering to look good and bloom well. Fertilize a couple times a year.



Soil requirements: Any well-drained soil will do and it can tolerate alkalinity.



Pruning: If the growth form tends toward legginess, pruning floppy stems to near the ground.