

Botanical Name: Justicia brandegeana (Beloperone guttata)

Common Name: Shrimp plant

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape mounded, cushion shaped plant somewhat irregular and  
upright; branch structure consists of brittle, upright, densely arranged branches

Height 2-4' Spread 2-4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers well-drained soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 16,17,21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves opposite, pinnate, ovate, 2-3" long, softly pubescent,  
apple green

Flowers white, tubular flowers with rose-purple markings--3 coppery  
bracts enclose each flower; 'Chartreuse' has greenish yellow bracts

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: softwood cuttings

Usage: mass plantings as a filler or hedge, accent for fillers,  
good in tropical landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; wilts quickly when subjected to dry  
conditions

Fertilizing balanced in spring or summer

Pruning head back frequently to prevent legginess

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Special Conditions frost and Santa Ana winds will turn bracts black

Origin: Mexico Family: Acanthaceae