

Botanical Name: Cuphea ignea

Common Name: Cigar plant

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright to spreading, loosely branched, forms open canopy  
if left unpruned

Height 3-5' (8') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness tender (zones 16,17,21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-ovate, 1-2" long, older leaves  
tinged with bronze -- shiny

Flowers orange, tubular, 1 to 1-1/2" long, solitary, axillary/  
terminal bisexual -- nearly year round

Fruit small, oblong capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: filler, mass plantings, container plant for flowers; can  
be used as a dense hedge, patio plant or small screen; hummingbird attractor

Landscape Care:

Watering regular -- tolerates heavy

Fertilizing balanced -- spring/fall

Pruning head back if needed in early spring -- tip back as needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico Family: Lythraceae