

Botanical Name: Mimulus cardinalis

Common Name: Scarlet monkey flower

Type of Plant: Dicot: perennial Family Scrophulariaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright soft, herbaceous plant with light green foliage and
bright scarlet tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds

Height to 2 ft. Spread 2 ft. to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun, blooms less in partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy; zones 2-24

Morphology:

Leaves leaves obovate to oblong, sessile, to 4" long, oppositely
arranged; strongly veined and spiny on the margins

Flowers bright scarlet-red tubular flowers with 5 prominent petals;
flowers 2" long and across with contrasting yellow pistil and stamens

Fruit capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: excellent source of vibrant red-scarlet color and contrasting
light green foliage; mix with other California natives, in perennial beds and in
hummingbird gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering; native to stream-side locations so is
not considered drought-tolerant

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer in spring

Pruning head back occasionally to control size

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained soils

Other

Origin: Southern Oregon down to Northern Mexico