

Botanical Name: Justicia rizzinii

Common Name: Candy corn justicia; Brazilian fuchsia

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Acanthaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape An upright, rounded, dense shrubby perennial with brightly colored tubular flowers ranging from red to yellow

Height to 4 ft. Spread to 4 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter

Hardiness hardy to 19 deg. (zones 8, 9, 13-24)

Morphology:

Leaves Ovate to oval leaves to 1" long, densely set on stem, oppositely arranged

Flowers tubular flowers to 1" long, red/orange at base, becoming yellow at the end and inside; profuse spring through fall

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: medium sized filler plant for heavy flower display that attracts hummingbirds; good in subtropical gardens and mixed with Abutilon, Cuphea and other small sub-shrubs

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning head back frequently to keep dense form

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Brazil