

Botanical Name: Galvezia speciosa

Common Name: Island bush snapdragon

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Sprawling, spreading, almost formless shrub which climbs and leans into other plants without disciplined pruning; can become a fountain-like arching plant

Height 3 to 5' Spread 3 to 5' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 14 - 24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical to 1" long, 1/2" across, oppositely arranged; blue-green color with smooth surfaces

Flowers scarlet-red, tubular about 1" long, blooms nearly continuously during spring, summer and fall

Fruit tiny woody capsule

Propagation: cuttings at any time

Usage: drought tolerant filler mixed with other natives, reliable source of red color throughout the year, large plant for rustic landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering very drought tolerant when established, dry season watering is generally unnecessary

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back frequently to control size

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions tolerates heavy pruning

Origin: Calif. Channel Islands Family: Scrophulariaceae