

Botanical Name: Dicliptera suberecta (Jacobinia suberecta)

Common Name: Hummingbird plant; Uruguayan firecracker plant

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Acanthaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright. semi-succulent plant grown for gray-green foliage
and scarlet-orange flowers at ends of branches during spring and summer

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; tolerates part shade

Soil tolerates most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness some frost; zones 12,13, 15-17, 19, 21-24

Morphology:

Leaves fleshy, somewhat fuzzy gray-green leaves oppositely arranged;
strongly folded leaves are 2-1/2" long, 3/4" wide, oval to ovate

Flowers terminal cymes of brilliant scarlet to orange flowers which
attract hummingbirds; flowers are tubular, 1-1/2" long, 1/4" across

Fruit small capsules

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: used for gray-green foliage and for hummingbird-attracting
flowers in summer; good in perennial beds. subtropical areas and hummingbird
gardens; can be used as an effective container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering likes moderate watering; can tolerate drought after first
summer

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning cut back hard in late winter to encourage new growth

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Uruguay