

Botanical Name: Mimulus puniceus (Diplacus puniceus)

Common Name: Monkey Flower

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a loosely constructed low shrub, with slender ascending and spreading stems forming an open mounding or sprawling shape

Height 1' - 3' (4') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full sun locations; tolerates some shade

Soil inland but will not bloom as profusely  
tolerates most, including well-drained clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9,14-24): best suited to warm coastal  
foothill habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, narrowly elliptic, 1-2" long; bright  
green, somewhat sticky, deeply furrowed on upper surface, strongly revolute  
margins

Flowers orange-red, funnel-shaped, bilaterally symmetrical; 1"-2"  
long, either single or in axillary clusters; April - June, intermittent

Fruit a capsule; small, papery

Propagation: seed or semi-hardwood cutting

Usage: valued for informal borders or as a low filler for its  
profuse display of flowers (attract hummingbirds); used in seed mixes for  
stabilizing slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering thrives with occasional deep irrigation; can tolerate  
both drought and frequent irrigation (if drainage is good)

Fertilizing little is needed after establishment

Pruning head back in summer or early fall to promote new  
flowering wood and a fuller shape

Pests/Diseases relatively free; root rot in poorly drained clay

Special Conditions the plants hybridize easily

Orange & Riverside Cos.

Origin: to N. Baja Family: Scrophulariaceae