

Botanical Name: Mimulus aurantiacus (Diplicus longiflorus)

Common Name: Sticky monkey flower

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub      Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an open, loosely branching plant, with slender stems  
ascending and spreading, to form an open, rounded or mounding shape; this  
species is more upright than M. punicens

Height 2' - 4' (5')      Spread equal      Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in warm sunny habitats; becomes rather leggy if  
grown in shaded location

Soil tolerates most; avoid wet clay sites

Hardiness hardy (zones 7-9, 14-24): prefers warm coastal foothill  
areas

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, elliptic-oval, 1"-2" long, with  
revolute margins; lighter green than M. punicens

Flowers yellow to orange, funnel-shaped, with fused corolla; 1"-  
2" long, in open axillary clusters; March-May

Fruit a capsule: small, papery

Propagation: seed or softwood cuttings

Usage: best as an informal, low filler for its drought-tolerance  
and heavy display of flowers; good on slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak - can tolerate frequent  
watering if drainage is excellent

Fertilizing little required after establishment

Pruning selectively head back and thin out after blooming period to  
control size and promote new flowering wood; do not shear

Pests/Diseases relatively free; root rot in badly draining sites

Special Conditions

Origin: Southern and Baja Cal.      Family: Scrophulariaceae