

Botanical Name: Cuphea hyssopifolia

Common Name: False heather

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Compact sub-shrub, with flexible leafy branchlets, grows
dense and full with range of leaf sizes from 1" to 1/4" long; variable in
different parts of the plant -- tiny magenta flowers mixed in leaves

Height 6" - 24" Spread equal Growth Rate mod./rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors sun or part shade (container plants best in light shade)

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness tender (zones 16, 17, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, linear to lanceolate, to 3/4" long,
crowded; highly variable in size and shape

Flowers tiny pink, purple, or white flowers, 1/4" - 1/2" long;
axillary, calyx tube green, summer

Fruit small oblong capsule

Propagation: cuttings (very easy to root)

Usage: interesting for summer color in small beds, as formal
edging for border, along paths; container plant, patio plant

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering - tolerates heavy irrigation in
most soils

Fertilizing balanced - spring/fall

Pruning head back older plants severely in fall or spring; shear ok

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Mexico Family: Lythraceae