

Botanical Name: Epilobium canum (Zauschneria californica)

Common Name: California fuchsia, Hummingbird trumpet

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Onagraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, spreading plant which varies from a low, thick mat to a more arching, upright form, depending on which variety is chosen - many available

Height 6" to 4 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil; prefers good drainage

Hardiness Hardy - Zones 2-11, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves alternate, linear leaves to 1" long sometimes tomentose or pubescent; stems sometimes woody at base

Flowers spikes of red, fuchsia-like flowers to 1-1/2" long and 1" across; blooms in spring and summer

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: herbaceous cuttings

Usage: groundcover on slopes and in open areas where the drainage is excellent; mixes well with rusting planting styles and with other California native plants; usage can vary with cultivar selection

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering but looks best with occasional summer watering; may become drought-deciduous in very dry conditions

Fertilizing none needed

Pruning shear back to 2" if rangy and excessively tall

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other may become invasive with spreading roots and seeds

Origin: Western U. S. and Mexico