

# Mexican Honeysuckle



**Long-blooming  
tropical and very  
easy to grow!**



## *Justicia spicigera*

- **Use:** Try a single specimen in a container to highlight the plant's coarse tropical texture, or plant them in groups to amplify the color and liveliness of the extended blooming season.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun to shade; moist, well drained soil; dislikes wet sites. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Good drainage a must!
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 2-4' tall and 3-5' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8-10; (20 degrees) Tender Perennial/ Annual; Plant in a protected place near the home. Mulch around the plant in winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Vibrant-green and velvety leaves.
- **Flower:** During this long, exuberant blooming season, Mexican Honeysuckle is constantly abuzz with visits from hummingbirds and even some intermittent butterflies! All of this activity is focused around the clusters of tubular, neon-orange flowers that stand out starkly against large, fuzzy leaves.

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