

# Lion's Tail



A new plant for us! Produces the chemical leonurine which, when smoked (especially the flowers), provides a euphoric feeling. We think growing the plant is euphoric enough. This multi-tasking plant can also be used to treat headaches, fevers, coughs, dysentery, snakebites, and an array of other ailments.



## *Leonotis leonurus*

- **Use:** This native of South Africa has long been used for late summer and early autumn container gardening display. Young plants started in June will reach full maturity as summer wanes and then burst forth in a blizzard of orange tufts that form along the stems. Its growth rate is astounding when given full sun and high amounts of water and feed. Although it's the shorter day length that brings it into autumn bloom, we also see some sporadic blooms in spring. Very vigorous.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun to partial sun. Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Good drainage is a must!!! Especially in winter. They need sandy soils., no red clay. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** Grows to 4' tall x 4' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 8a to 10b; Perennial. Very heat tolerant! Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Narrow, fuzzy, green leaves
- **Flower:** Tubular two-lipped orange flowers (typical mint family) appear in tiered whorls that encircle the square stems. Flower petals purportedly resemble lions' ears. Blooms in late fall.

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