

# Firebush/ Hummingbird Bush



## *Hamelia patens*

- **Use:** A fast growing compact plant grown widely for the bright scarlet flowers that contrast with the dark green foliage in summer and fall. After the flowers go away, the leaves turn a beautiful reddish bronze for the late fall and winter. This is a colorful and striking plant that is very attractive to hummingbirds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun (but must be 5-6 hours of afternoon sun) . Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Prefers to be root bound so if you plant in the ground be sure to plant them pot and all in the ground so you can easily bring it inside for the winter. Do not plant in red clay.
- **Growth:** Vigorous growth to 4' tall and wide. However, if planted in S GA and Florida could get up to 10' tall and wide as they will not go dormant in winter.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 8--11**; Perennial, Mulch around the plant in the winter. Good winter drainage a must.
- **Foliage:** Evergreen if brought indoors in winter
- **Flower:** Large trumpets. Blooms April– October nonstop!



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