

# Red Shrimp Plant



## *Justicia brandegeana*

- **Use:** A charming addition for any sunny to partly sunny exposure, As easy to grow as any in this genus, it tops the list as a free bloomer. Use it to brighten south, east or west exposures. Makes a nice potted container for the summer garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun to part sun; moist, well drained soil; dislikes wet sites. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 12-20" tall and 12-20" wide. Dead-head often for rebloom.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-10; Annual; Plant in a protected place near the home. Bring indoor in winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lime green leaves.
- **Flower:** Produces a continuous display of upright to arching spikes composed of large showy maroon bracts from which the individual maroonish-red and white tubular flowers emerge in spring and summer to year round under warm tropical conditions. This plant has exceptional flower power

Good in containers, trim back to encourage bushiness. Butterfly larval food plant for the tiny checkerspot (*Dymasia dymas*), Texas crescent (*Anthanassa texana*), and the pearl crescent (*Phyciodes tharos*).

