

Mexican Flame Vine



Senecio confusus

- **Use:** Very fast growing, it is drought resistant, seldom bothered by pests and minimum care is rewarded with impressive floral displays! This plant is attractive to bees, butterflies and birds. Prefers sun or light shade. Water until established, then it becomes drought tolerant. Not particular about soil. This tropical vine is killed to the ground by frost, but even in Zone 8 gardens it will quickly recover.
- **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. Deadhead often for rebloom.
- **Hardiness:** 8-10; Tender Perennial/ Annual; Plant in a protected place near the home. Mulch around the plant in winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. leaves that are shaped like arrowheads and serrated on the edges - a succulent type leaf similar to German Ivy.
- **Flower:** It covers itself in brilliant bright orange daisy-like flowers about 1 inch in diameter, borne in small clusters. As they age, the flowers change from orange to almost red to be followed by fruiting structures that resemble smaller versions of the dandelion puffy seed heads.

Use Mexican flame vine to drape over porch rails and mailboxes. It's expert at improving the visual charm of chain link fences. Use in mixed hedges to create splashes of summertime color. It also looks great clambering up palm or pine tree trunks. Can be used as ground cover.