



# Justicia californica

## CHUPAROSA

Brilliant red blooms against angular gray stems. Chuparosa are semi-evergreen plants that grow naturally in low deserts from AZ to CA up to about 2500 ft. in elevation. They require low water once established, even during summers. They are opportunistic plants when it comes to available water. However, as long as the soil is well-drained, they will grow ever larger and carry their lush foliage all year. In natural environments, plants shed foliage during drought to conserve precious moisture. The stems are gray, succulent, and somewhat brittle. Flowers are formed at stem ends to give blooming plants a fiery silhouette, especially when back lit. They bloom from fall to spring. Never shear them. Periodic, selective thinning or pruning after flowering will control size and shape.




### DESCRIPTION

 UP TO 5 FT. x 3-4 FT.

 PART TO FULL SHADE

 USDA ZONE 9-11

 CHINA

 CREAMY WHITE

 MODERATE TO HIGH

 TO 25°F