Common Name	Flame Acanthus
Botanical Name	Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii
Other Names	Hummingbird Bush, Wright Acanthus, Wright's Mexican Flame
Description	Forms a spreading, airy shrub; bright red to orange flowers. Loves heat and tolerates cold weather (comes back from roots). Re-seeds aggressively. Blooms June through October. Can be grown in containers.
Plant Type	Perennial
Plant Size	3 – 5' tall x 3 – 4' wide
Light Requirements	Full sun best, but can tolerate part sun, part shade
Water Requirements	Very low, but can do well in both dry and moist soils. Watering improves blooming.
Soil Requirements	Adapts to wide variety of soils.
Evergreen or Deciduous	Deciduous
Native Status	South
Pollinators	Butterflies, hummingbirds.
Care Notes	Can flop over if it gets too tall; cut back as needed. Can take shearing. Remove unwanted seedlings regularly to prevent spread. Prune back to 3 – 6" in late winter.
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