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| <b>Common Name</b>            | <b>Mexican Honeysuckle</b>   |
| <b>Botanical Name</b>         | <i>Justicia spicigera</i>  |
| <b>Other Names</b>            | Firecracker Bush   |
| <b>Description</b>            | Small shrub with silvery green foliage. Blooms slender orange tubes from spring through fall.          |
| <b>Plant Type</b>             | Perennial  |
| <b>Plant Size</b>             | 2 - 3' wide x 2 – 3' tall  |
| <b>Light Requirements</b>     | Sun to partial shade   |
| <b>Water Requirements</b>     | Low to medium  |
| <b>Soil Requirements</b>      | Can tolerate most soils with proper drainage   |
| <b>Evergreen or Deciduous</b> | Evergreen to 25 degrees F  |
| <b>Native Status</b>          | Native to Mexico and Central America   |
| <b>Pollinators</b>            | Bees and hummingbirds  |
| <b>Care Notes</b>             | May freeze back in winter but is generally root hardy. Cut back lanky growth in stages in late winter. |
| <b>Texas Superstar</b>        | No   |

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