

**Botanical Name:** *Calliandra californica*

**Common Name:** Baja Fairy Duster



**Family:** Fabaceae

**Habitat:** Dry washes, sandy flats, hillsides

**Native Distribution:** Baja California, Mexico

**Elevation:** Up to 5,000 ft

**Hardiness:** 25°F

**Type:** Semi-evergreen

**Size:** 4' tall x 4' wide

**Shape:** Open

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flowers:** 1-1/2" red puffs

**Bloom Season:** Year-round

**Fruit:** Narrow 2" pods follow blooms

**Foliage:** Dark green, fern-like leaflets Alternate, bi-pinnate, round dark-green leaflets

**Exposure:** Full sun

**Shade:** Filtered

**Water Requirements:** Moderately low

**In the Landscape:** Baja Fairy Dusters are sensitive to the cold. This shouldn't be a problem in Phoenix, but should be a consideration in outlying areas. Plant in a closed in space, like an entryway or courtyard. Can also be used near a patio, as an informal screen, or specimen plant. Very little litter and no thorns.

**Wildlife:** Attracts bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

**Other Stuff:**

- Cold-sensitive, will drop their leaves with frost.
- Needs a protected area, otherwise branch tips can be damaged below about 20-25°F.
- Requires well draining soil.