

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.