

Botanical Name: *Justicia californica*

Common Name: Chuparosa



Family: Acanthaceae

Native Distribution: Rocky areas or sandy washes throughout the Sonoran desert

Plant Size: 6' tall, to 12' wide twiggy, usually leafless evergreen shrub

Flowers: 1-2" long red flowers, in clusters, on and off all year but most abundantly from mid-winter to mid-spring

Foliage: Green, twiggy stems with thick succulent appearance in arching form; low older stems may get woody

Site Preferences: Full sun

Landscape Uses: Use as rounded evergreen shrub, for color, and to attract hummingbirds.

Other Stuff:

- Will get damage in high 20s, freezes to ground in teens but will recover.
- Minimal maintenance; may overgrow allotted area if overwatered.
- Tolerant, well drained soils but does best in sand.
- Cold and drought deciduous.
- Fertilize and prune in late winter for optimal growth.