

**Botanical Name:** *Pedilanthus macrocarpus*

**Common Name:** Slipper Plant



**Family:** Euphorbiaceae

**Native Distribution:** Well drained sandy to rocky soils in Baja and coastal Sonora

**Plant Size:** Clump-forming evergreen succulent about 3' tall and wide

**Flowers:** Bright orange to red, slipper-shaped cyathia in spring and fall

**Foliage:** Mostly leafless, grey to lime green stems about ½ inch in diameter, that stand straight up or are arched and wavy

**Site Preferences:** Full sun to light shade (in Phoenix)

**Landscape Uses:** Use as specimen or accent for its unique shape.

**Other Stuff:**

- Requires little water, monthly during the growing season or bi-monthly in containers.
- One of the best container plants for warm climates.
- Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers.
- Needs good drainage.
- Can be cold- and frost-sensitive and can suffer damage at 30° F.
- Related to Euphorbia so it has a white latex sap.
- Can be a little weedy; if so, restrict watering.
- Grey form is a slower grower and much heartier.
- Can burn in the afternoon sun.