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Heartleaf Hibiscus or Tulipan del Monte *Hibiscus martianus (H. cardiophyllus)*

DESCRIPTION: A shrubby perennial, growing 1 to 3 feet tall, depending on moisture. It is a prolific bloomer with a long flowering season. This plant is ever-blooming if there is no frost. Flowers are rich red, 2 to 3 inch wide, occurring at branch tips. Heartleaf Hibiscus flowers during the hottest part of the season when many other plants are not showy. Heartleaf Hibiscus is an excellent long blooming nectar source. It is native to the Rio Grande Plains, Edwards Plateau and Eastern Trans-Pecos.

RECOMMENDED USE: Rock garden, enhanced desert revegetation, container gardening.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It is not reliably cold-hardy in temperatures below 15°F.



Sun tolerance: It does its best flowering and growth in full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Water use is low to moderate and fertilizing not necessary except in containers.



Soil requirements: It is adaptable to different soil types as long as they are well-drained.



Pruning: Periodic tip pruning will promote more blooms and compact growth.