



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Red Coral Fountain *Russelia* × St. Elmo's Fire™

DESCRIPTION: Red Coral Fountain is a hybrid selection of *Russelia* that is larger than the common coral fountain (*Russelia equisetifolia*) and can reach 4' in height and 6-8' across. The flowers of St. Elmo's Fire™ are more showy than the species as they have a considerably darker red hue. The growth habit is more open and upright. The foliage may be damaged after heavy frost, but will quickly recover in the spring. Attractive to hummingbirds.

RECOMMENDED USE: Great as an accent, for its color and its ability to spread and become a mounding ground cover. Good in a large patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to 15°F.



Sun tolerance: This plant can be used in both shade and full sun locations, but performs best in full sun.



Watering and feeding: It will require moderate irrigation to keep actively blooming. Fertilizing in the spring and mid-summer is recommended



Soil requirements:



Pruning: St. Elmo's Fire™ requires minimal maintenance other than the occasional removal of spent flowers.