



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Desert Flame Bush

Anisacanthus quadrifidus varieties

DESCRIPTION: Native to Mexico and southern Texas, this deciduous shrub attracts hummingbirds with vibrant red-orange flowers throughout the summer and fall. Can be evergreen during mild winters.

***Anisacanthus quadrifidus* v. *brevilobus* 'Mountain Flame' ®**

This variety has narrow, grey-green leaves on plants five feet tall and three feet wide.

***Anisacanthus quadrifidus* v. *wrightii* 'Mexican Flame' ®**

This variety reaches about four feet tall and three feet wide. Compared to 'Mountain Flame', the leaves are broader and the flower color is more intense.

RECOMMENDED USE: Plants provide a good low-maintenance component of the xeriscape.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun.



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Watering and feeding: Requiring little water, plants may be irrigated about twice a month during the hot season to keep in flower.



Soil requirements: Will tolerate all but heavy clay soil.



Pruning: Lightly to shape.