

Cigar Plant *Cuphea ignea*

The Cigar flower makes a nice addition to any landscape with its attractive small foliage and small, but numerous, orange-red tubular flowers. Although this plant may be hard to find, it is worth the search. Plants grow to only about 3 feet but will attract attention in the shrub or perennial border. Many stems grow upright from the base of the plant and rarely branch. Flowers are continually produced on new growth during the warm months in Florida and are very attractive to both butterflies and hummingbirds.

Type: Shrub

USDA hardiness zones: 9b through 11

Uses: container or above-ground planter; attracts hummingbirds

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 3 to 4 feet

Plant spacing: 18 to 36 inches

Light requirement: Full sun/Partial Shade

Soil pH: grow best in slightly acidic to slightly alkaline soils.

Drought tolerance: Moderate; some drought tolerance

Soil salt tolerances: have poor salt tolerance. They grow best in well-drained, enriched soil.

Invasive potential: not invasive in Florida

Pest resistance: no significant problems

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