

Firecracker Plant

Russelia equisetiformis

Firecracker Plant is a weeping shrub that, when in full bloom, looks as if it is raining flowers. These slender, red, tubular flowers appear in the summer and hang on the plant like little firecrackers during most of the year. The flowers occur in 12-inch-long sprays and are a delight to the onlooker. The slim and pendulous branches of this plant lack foliage; the leaves are reduced to bracts. However, the branches and bracts are of fine texture and have a very pleasant color. The fruit of Firecracker Plant are small, inconspicuous, and hang in clusters.

Type: perennial shrub

USDA hardiness zones: 9 through 11

Uses: foundation; border; mass planting;
cascading down a wall; accent

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 3 to 5 feet **Spread:** 6 to 12 feet

Plant spacing: 3 to 5 feet

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: good

Invasive potential: aggressive, spreading

Pest resistance: not usually affected by pests

**MORE
INFORMATION**



Photo: John Tann, UF/IFAS