



HAMELIA PATENS SIERRA RED™ FIRECRACKER BUSH

This native of tropical Florida and South America is often called fire bush or firecracker bush. Rich red flowers are produced at the branch tips each spring, remaining in bud until warm weather arrives. Hummingbirds love the tubular flowers! Flowering continues well into fall, followed by small black fruit. Sierra Red™ was selected by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery for its intense red flowers, compact habit, and short internodes. Other clones may range in color from orange to red. In the hottest regions it remains evergreen, producing whorls of 6-inch-long glossy green leaves. If the weather turns cool, the leaves will develop a nice burnished orange color, and defoliate if temperatures dip below freezing. Plants are root hardy to 20° F and normally refoilate quickly each spring. Most plants can be easily maintained at a 3 to 4 foot size. Tolerant of heat and salt, it requires good drainage and ample water while actively growing. USDA Zone 7.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 3-4 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Red
FLOWER SEASON	Spring to Fall
EXPOSURE	Full sun
WATER	Moderate-High
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	10° F, USDA Zone 7
PRUNING	Cut back frost-damaged foliage



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