



# RUSSELIA EQUISETIFORMIS CORAL FOUNTAIN

This native of Mexico has naturalized in the West Indies, Florida, and other tropical locations. Surprisingly, it has also performed extremely well in the hot low deserts of the Southwest. The common name, Coral fountain, accurately describes this shrub. In the low deserts its long, arching branches form a dense mound to about 3 feet tall by 4 to 5 feet wide. The weeping branches are bright green, with very few leaves. In the warm months these branches are loaded with tubular coral-red flowers. Coral fountain is very adaptable, handling full sun and shady exposures. Although it is quite drought tolerant, Coral fountain also handles very wet conditions. It is also notably salt tolerant, and responds to regular fertilizer applications. Use Coral fountain on steep banks, cascading over walls and planters, and clustered around water features. Its unique form and vivid color should inspire many creative applications. Coral fountain suffers frost damage at 32°F. USDA Zone 10.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 4 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Coral-red
FLOWER SEASON	Spring - Summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	Prune early spring



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