

Calliandra californica

(Baja Fairy Duster, Tabardillo)

Baja Fairy Duster is a medium sized shrub that grows to 1.5 meters high with an equal spread. It’s a native of Baja California and Mexico, has a delicate-looking, bright-colored, evergreen shrub. It demands a frost-free climate and plenty of direct sun. This shrub blooms after the rainy season (spring and summer). The long red stamens of these flowers resemble the tufted head of a dusting brush. It attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

Baja Fairy Duster makes a beautiful addition to any xeric landscape where year-round color and low maintenance are desired.



Plant Image

Landscape Information
French Name: arbres aux houpettes
Pronunciation: Kal-lee-AN-dra kal-i-FOR-ni-ca
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Baja California, Mexico
Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Wildlife
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Moderate
Tree Shape: Upright, Vase
Canopy Symmetry: Irregular
Canopy Density: Open
Canopy Texture: Medium
Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m
Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters
Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Bipinnately compound

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Capitulum

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Orange, Red, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Legume

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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