

Justicia brandegeana

(Shrimp plant, Brazilian shower plant)

Shrimp plant is an evergreen shrub native to Mexico. Its blooms look like shrimps in shape and color. The flowers themselves are white, but held within bracts, or modified leaves, which are red and yellow. It flowers all year in warm climates. Extremes in water and low temperatures cause it to lose its leaves. It should be pruned by heading back by hand. It looks best in a mass planting.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Plante crevette

Arabic Name: نبات الجميري

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Mexico

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Indoor, Container, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Undulate

Leaf Textures: Hairy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Yellow, Red, Variegated

Color(changing season): Yellow, Red

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Whitefly

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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