

Ixora coccinea 'Red'

(Ixora, jungle flame, flame-of-the-woods)

Ixora is a dense, multi-branched evergreen shrub with 1.2-2 m in height. Ixora has a rounded form, with a spread that may exceed its height. The glossy, leathery, oblong leaves are about 10 cm long. Small tubular, scarlet flowers in dense rounded clusters 5-13 cm across are produced almost all year long. There are numerous named cultivars differing in flower color (yellow, pink, orange) and plant size. Ixora is moderately salt tolerant, but not at all tolerant of alkaline soils, which will cause the leaves to become chlorotic (yellowish). Do plant in acidic soil, feed with a high nitrogen fertilizer and mulch well. Ixora does well in partial shade in the warmest areas. It does best, however, with full sun most of the day, but some shade during the hottest hours. Plants in more sun will be denser and more compact, and produce more flowers. Ixora is used in warm climates for hedges and screens, foundation plantings, massed in flowering beds, or grown as a specimen shrub or small tree. In cooler climes, ixora is grown in a greenhouse or as a potted house plant requiring bright light. Ixora is also grown in containers, looking very distinguished as a patio or poolside plant. Other species of Ixora are I. chinesis and I. javanica.

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Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>French Name:</b> Ixora coccinea
<b>Arabic Name:</b> إكسورة قرمزية
<b>Pronunciation:</b> ick-SOR-uh kock-SIN-ee-uh
<b>Plant Type:</b> Shrub
<b>Origin:</b> East Indies
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 10, 11, 12, 13
<b>Uses:</b> Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Slow
<b>Tree Shape:</b> oval, Upright
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Symmetrical
<b>Canopy Density:</b> Dense
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Medium
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

### **Botanical Description**

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#### **Foliage**

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Trifoliate

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy, Leathery, Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### **Flower**

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Red

**Seasons:** Year Round

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#### **Trunk**

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

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#### **Fruit**

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Purple

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Leaf Image

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### **Horticulture Management**

#### **Tolerance**

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### **Requirements**

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### **Management**

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** Yes

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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## MORE IMAGES



Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image