

Ixora coccinea

(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 climates, 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. chinensis* and *I. javanica*.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Ixora coccinea

Arabic Name: إكسورة قرمزية

Pronunciation: ick-SOR-uh kock-SIN-ee-uh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: East Indies

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Specimen, Container, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape: oval, Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Trifoliolate

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 7 - 10

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Yellow, Orange, Red, White, Pink

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Purple

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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Bark Image



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