Ixora coccinea 'Pink'

(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.



Landscape Information

French Name: Ixora coccinea Arabic Name: إكسورة قرمزية Pronounciation: 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

Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite Leaf Venation: Pinnate Leaf Persistance: Evergreen Leaf Type: Trifoliate Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm Leaf Shape: Ovate Leaf Margins: Entire Leaf Textures: Waxy, Leathery, Glossy Leaf Scent: No Fragance 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 Fragance Flower Color: 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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