

All Star Plant -- Shrimp Plant—*Justicia brandegeana*

The Shrimp plant is a unique plant that is **very attractive to hummingbirds**. In the garden, both adults and children enjoy the 4-5" long salmon-colored bracts that resemble cooked shrimp and appear during most of the year. The plant is evergreen and **easy to care for**; it is **drought-tolerant once established** but blooms better with regular watering. In Tucson, it likes partial or filtered shade or morning sun and afternoon shade. Blooms will fade in strong sunlight. Older branches can be brittle and break easily, so it does best when gently pruned or the tips are pinched back. This plant should be covered during freezing temperatures; it will freeze to the ground at 25 degrees but established plants will grow back. In ideal conditions the Shrimp plant will grow 3 to 4 feet tall and about as wide. **This is a great plant for large containers on a patio.**



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