DESCRIPTION: Native to Mexico and southern Texas, this deciduous shrub attracts hummingbirds with vibrant red-orange flowers throughout the summer and fall. Can be evergreen during mild winters.

Anisacanthus quadrifidus v. brevilobus 'Mountain Flame' ®
This variety has narrow, grey-green leaves on plants five feet tall and three feet wide.

Anisacanthus quadrifidus v. wrightii 'Mexican Flame' ®
This variety reaches about four feet tall and three feet wide. Compared to 'Mountain Flame', the leaves are broader and the flower color is more intense.

RECOMMENDED USE: Plants provide a good low-maintenance component of the xeriscape.

CULTURE:

Hardiness: Down to 10°F.

Sun tolerance: Full sun.

Watering and feeding: Requiring little water, plants may be irrigated about twice a month during the hot season to keep in flower.

Soil requirements: Will tolerate all but heavy clay soil.

Pruning: Lightly to shape.