Baja or Bush Snapdragon

*Galvezia juncea*

**DESCRIPTION:** Baja Snapdragon is an evergreen mounding subshrub with long, vining stems. It will grow at a good rate to 4’ tall. Flowers are tubular and red, attracting hummingbirds. The blooms can occur in any month, but is particularly heavy in late spring. A blue-green form (cv. Gran Cañon) grows from a clump up to 5’ tall, giving it a vase-shape. Cultivar ‘Punta Banda’ is a light green form and is entirely different. The stems are so crowded that the plant is shaped more like a thicket than a vase. It will fill a large space if left unchecked, but will tolerate pruning very well. Baja Snapdragon is native to the Sonoran Desert in central and northern Baja California.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Because the plant itself is open and airy, the flowers are the main show. Cultivars can be used as a small background hedge or perennial border. Use for color and to attract wildlife.

**CULTURE:**

- **Hardiness:** Hardy to 22°F.
- **Sun tolerance:** Full sun or light shade. It will bloom less and become floppy in deep shade.
- **Watering and feeding:** Low to moderate water use. Once a week is fine, once established. Feed 2-3 times a year.
- **Soil requirements:** Best in sandy soil, but any soil that drains will do.
- **Pruning:** Light pruning to shape is okay.