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Mini Lady's Slipper *Euphorbia (Pedilanthus) cymbifera*

DESCRIPTION: Mini Slipper Flower has a moderate growth rate to 2' tall or more, forming loose clumps of erect gray-green stems a foot or more across. The 1" flowers are quite unusual looking, and are red in color. Hummingbirds are its pollinator during the spring and summer flowering period. Even the fruit is strikingly interesting; knobby and red. It is native to Tehuacan, Mexico.

RECOMMENDED USE: Rock or succulent garden, container, accent.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: We are just beginning to test this plant outdoors in containers. Here, it is hardy to around 20-25°F. Options for cold sites could include covering it on freezing nights, planting it in a warm microclimate, or keeping it in a container that can be moved.



Sun tolerance: It can be grown in very light shade, or part-day sun. It will become floppy in too much shade.



Watering and feeding: Low water use in the ground. At least weekly in containers. It responds to regular water in the warm seasons. Fertilization is recommended twice a year in containers.



Soil requirements: It can be grown in any well drained soil. In a pot, use a cactus mix.



Pruning: Prune floppy or broken stems or frost damage.