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Purple Justicia *Justicia masiaca*

DESCRIPTION: Purple Justicia is a fast-growing herbaceous perennial native to southern Sonora, Mexico. Twiggy growth to 2' or so, and non-descript leaves make it blend into the background until it blooms during warm weather. Brilliant purple flowers have thin tubes and a flared end. Blooms are visited by hummingbirds and butterflies, and seed is readily produced. As far as we know, this species has never been introduced into horticulture.

RECOMMENDED USE: Mix into landscape, not as a specimen, but as an accent that shows itself during bloom.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: 20°F.



Sun tolerance: Best in light shade or morning sun only.



Watering and feeding: Needs regular water to thrive and bloom. Fertilize monthly during warm weather.



Soil requirements: Better in sandier, well-drained soils, but can tolerate caliche.



Pruning: Can be pruned to near the ground to create a bushier plant.