

## Hamelia Patens Dwraf - Plant



firebush, hummingbird bush, scarlet bush, and redhead

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Description Firebush is a showy, fast-growing, semi-woody evergreen shrub that can get up to 15 ft (4.6 m) tall under ideal conditions, but usually stays much smaller. It has whorled leaves, usually with three but occasionally as many as seven at each node.

**Common name:** firebush, hummingbird bush, scarlet bush, and redhead

**Color:** Pink or Red

**Bloom time:** summer

**Height:** 4-6 ft

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

**Planting & Care**

An accurate soil test will tell you where your pH currently stands. Acidic (sour) soil is counteracted by applying finely ground limestone, and alkaline (sweet) soil is treated with ground sulfur. If you order roses from a mail-order company, order early, in January or February (March at the latest). They are usually shipped in the spring as bare roots when plants are fully dormant, well before they have leafed out

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 15 °F

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- Start with pruning shears for smaller growth.
- Use loppers, which look like giant, long-handle shears, for growth that is more than half an inch thick.
- A small pruning saw is handy, as it cuts on both the push and the pull.
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**Special Feature:**

Throughout the year, firebush produces showy terminal clusters (cymes) of bright reddish-orange or scarlet tubular flowers, each about 0.75 in (1.9 cm), long. Even the flower stems are red. The clusters of fruit also are showy. Each fruit is a juicy berry with many small seeds, ripening from green to yellow to red and finally to black. A firebush plant usually has flowers and fruit in various stages.

Use

**Culinary use:**

- leaves

**Ornamental use:**

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Note:**

Birds and squirrels will show interest in the seeds. if you plan to use the seeds, deter critters with barrier devices. As seed heads mature and flowers droop, you can cover each one with white polyspun garden fleece.

**Reference:**

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/risearch/search.php?query=firebush&stpos=0&stype=AND>