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Crossandra infundibuliformis

[Synonyms : *Crossandra undulifolia*]

FIRECRACKER FLOWER is an evergreen shrub. Native to southern India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka, it has small yellow-eyed, orange-red flowers.

It is also known as *Crossandra*, *Gobbi* (Telugu), *Mannah-kurinni* (Malayalam), *Pavalakkurinja* (Tamil), and *Priya-darsa* (Hindi).

Infundibuliformis is derived from Latin *infundibuli*- (funnel) and *-formis* (shape) components meaning ‘funnel- or trumpet-shaped’ with reference to the flowers.

In northern India firecracker flower is considered to be an aphrodisiac.