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Justicia brandegeana

[Synonyms : *Beloperone guttata*, *Beloperone nemorosa*, *Calliaspidia guttata*, *Drejerella guttata*, *Justicia guttata*]

SHRIMP PLANT is an evergreen shrub. Native to Mexico and the West Indies it has tiny, purple-veined, pink or whitish flowers emerging from overlapping, brownish-pink, rose, or yellow petal-like leaves (bracts).

It is also known as *Beloporóna bodkovaná* (Slovak), *Beloporona tečkovaná* (Czech), Beloperone, Brazilian shower plant, Caterpillars, *Cola de Camaron* (Spanish), Corsican shrimp plant, False hop, Fountain plant, Lobster plant, *Lyckoax* (Swedish), Mexican shrimp plant, *Mrštilka skvrnitá* (Czech), *Onnenkäpy* (Finnish), Prawn plant, *Queue d'écrevisse* (French), *Serpent à sonnette* (French), and Shrimp bush.

Brandegeeana commemorates an American civil engineer, Townsend Stith Brandegee (1843-1925), whose studies of plants in California and Mexico were respected.

Shrimp plant is believed to have been introduced to continental Europe in the 1920s and from there Britain in the following decade.

In temperate climates it has acquired a following as a houseplant.