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Russelia equisetiformis

[Synonyms : *Russelia juncea*]

FIRECRACKER PLANT is an evergreen subshrub. Native to Mexico it has small red flowers.

It is also known as Coral blow, Coral bush, Coral plant, Fountain bush, Fountain plant, *Lágrimas de Amor* (Portuguese), *Queue de cheval* (French), *Russelia* (English, Swedish), *Russélia* (Portuguese), and *Russelie* (German).

Equisetiformis is made up of the genus name *Equisetum* and Latin *-formis* (shape) components meaning ‘like plants in that (horsetail) genus’.

Authorities believe that firecracker plant was introduced to Europe in about 1873 as an ornamental plant.