CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA



Scientific name: *Epilobium canum* Plant family: Onagraceae

Natural Information

California fuchsia flowers from August to January on slopes and ridges at elevations below 9000'. This slightly woody perennial is abundant along open channels with well-drained soil, with full sun exposure and in dry conditions. It can invasively spread among other plants and attracts hummingbirds.

Physical Description

- Branches: brittle; soft hairs
- Flowers: I" I ¹/₂ " 4 long petals; funnel shape; 4 cleft sepal cup; 8 stamens and style; loosely clustered; red-orange (at first green)
- Leaves: lanceolate; narrow; alternate on main stem; gray

Garden Tips/Extra Facts:

Can grow from 16" to 24" tall. The plant is hardy with a rapid growth rate and little water requirements. The early Spanish applied a solution of it to cuts and bruises.



