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Red Hesperaloe (and selections)

Hesperaloe parviflora

DESCRIPTION: Not a Yucca, this member of the Century Plant family produces soft, yucca-like, evergreen leaves crowded on the perennial's short, woody base. The leaves are plum-colored in the winter. It is a xeric, long blooming, good-looking, very low maintenance plant that attracts hummingbirds. Flowers are tubular and borne on 4-5' stalks. As the common name suggests, the usual flower form is coral-red, but there is a brilliant red form called Brake Lights™. Desert Flamenco® is a compact selection displaying waterfalls of showy, tubular, pinkish-orange flowers. There is also a creamy-yellow form available. This is native to Texas and northern Mexico. 'Buttercup' is a hybrid with yellow-orange flowers. Red hesperaloe is a spectacular accent for desert gardens anywhere.

RECOMMENDED USE: Red Yucca also makes a great container plant, and is a clean choice for pool areas. Use as an accent, for flower color, and to attract hummingbirds.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It tolerates temperatures to -20° F.



Sun tolerance: This tough plant thrives in full sun, reflected heat, and even tolerates some light shade if drainage is adequate.



Watering and feeding: Low to moderate water depending on soil drainage and length of establishment. Fertilize twice a year.



Soil requirements: Most soils, although does better with good drainage.



Pruning: Old leaves and flower stalks can be pruned off or pulled out