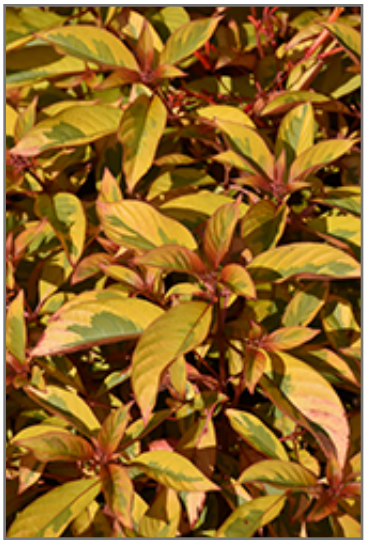
FAMILY TREE NURSERY

Lime Sizzler™ Firebush

Hamelia patens 'Grelmsiz'



Lime Sizzler Firebush foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Scarlet Bush, Firecracker Bush

Description:

A beautiful native shrub, producing a dense mound of green and yellow foliage; orange-red tubular flowers all summer into fall that are loved by hummingbirds; evergreen and larger growing in warm climates; great for containers and borders

Ornamental Features

Lime Sizzler Firebush features showy cymes of scarlet tubular flowers with orange overtones at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive pointy leaves emerge coppery-bronze in spring, turning yellow in color with showy light green variegation and tinges of peach the rest of the year. It features an abundance of magnificent plum purple berries in early fall. The red stems can be quite attractive.



Lime Sizzler Firebush
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Landscape Attributes

Lime Sizzler Firebush is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lime Sizzler Firebush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

8424 Farley St.
Overland Park, KS 66212
913.642.6503

7036 Nieman
Shawnee, KS 66203
913.631.6121

830 W Liberty Dr.
Liberty, MO 64068
816.781.0001

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Lime Sizzler Firebush will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Lime Sizzler Firebush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.