‘ORANGE MARMALADE’ FIRECRACKER FLOWER
Crossandra infundibuliformis 'Orange Marmalade'

Characteristics
- Type: Tender Perennial
- Family: Acanthaceae
- Native Range: Southern India, Sri Lanka
- Zone: 10 to 11
- Height: 1.00 to 3.00 feet
- Spread: 1.00 to 2.00 feet
- Bloom Time: Summer to fall
- Bloom Description: Apricot to salmon pink
- Sun: Part Shade to Partial Sun
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Medium
- Flower: Showy
- Leaf: Evergreen

Culture
Add tropical flair with long lasting blooms on a plant that thrives with heat and humidity. Large clusters of frilly, bright orange flowers shine against glossy green foliage. Outstanding disease and insect resistance means great garden performance. Beautiful in beds, borders or containers. Winter hardy to USDA Zones 10-11. In colder areas, grow in pots or containers. Prefers light, organically rich, medium moisture, well-drained soils in part shade. Tolerates bright full shade. Needs high humidity. Grow from seed or stem cuttings. Provide enriched, evenly moist and well-drained soil. Protect from harsh afternoon sun in extremely hot summer areas. As a houseplant, blooms nearly year round, if placed in very bright light and fertilized regularly.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Crossandra infundibuliformis, commonly called firecracker flower, is native to India and Sri Lanka. It is a tropical evergreen subshrub that grows 1'- 3' tall. Features apricot to salmon pink flowers in terminal racemes. In its native environment the blossoms are traditionally harvested and combined with jasmine to adorn women's hair. Yellow and red flowered forms are also available. Blooms throughout the year. Ovate to lanceolate shiny dark green leaves.

Problems
No serious insect or disease problems.

Garden Uses
Container plant. Houseplant. Water regularly to maintain semi-moist soil