



ARIZONA-SONORA  
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### Mexican Honeysuckle or Mitle Cimarrón *Justicia spicigera*

**DESCRIPTION:** An upright evergreen shrub with many branches, reaching 2-3' tall and as wide. It can spread slowly by suckering. Clusters of bright orange tubular flowers occur in the spring through summer. Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers. Mexican Honeysuckle is native to arid and semiarid areas, from Mexico to Columbia.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Use as a color accent, border, enhanced desert landscape or xeriscape, large patio container, and to attract wildlife.

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** It is hardy to at least the mid-teens.



**Sun tolerance:** Mexican Honeysuckle will bloom and grow its best in full sun, but still does okay in part shade.



**Watering and feeding:** Low to moderate water use. Feed two to three times a year.



**Soil requirements:** Most soils that drain are fine.



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