

Firebush

Hamelia patens

Description: A large, fast-growing, perennial shrub or small tree that produces orange-red flowers throughout most of the year.



Height: Typically 10-12 feet.

Light: Full sun.

Drought Tolerance: Moderate to high.

Wildlife and Ecology: One of the best bird and butterfly shrubs in South Florida. Larval host and nectar plant for butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, and pollinating bees. Birds eat the fruits.