

Plant

 Plant Name:

Ixora

Common Names: Flame of the Woods, Jungle Geranium, West Indian Jasmine

Care Instructions:

- **Light:** Thrives in full sunlight; at least 4–6 hours of direct sun daily.
 - **Watering:** Keep the soil moist but not soggy. Water when the top inch of soil feels dry.
 - **Soil:** Well-draining, slightly acidic soil is best.
 - **Fertilizer:** Use a balanced liquid fertilizer once a month during the growing season (spring and summer).
 - **Temperature:** Prefers warm, tropical climates; avoid exposure to frost.
 - **Pruning:** Regular pruning helps maintain shape and promotes bushier growth.
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Ecological Benefits:

- **Pollinator Friendly:** Attracts butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds, aiding in pollination.
 - **Air Purifying:** Helps improve air quality by removing toxins and releasing oxygen.
 - **Soil Protection:** Dense root systems help prevent soil erosion.
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Interesting Facts:

- **Origin:** Native to tropical Asia, especially India and Sri Lanka.
- **Color Variety:** Comes in shades of red, pink, orange, and yellow.
- **Symbolism:** In many cultures, Ixora is associated with passion and vitality.
- **Medicinal Uses:** Traditionally used in herbal remedies for fever, headaches, and wounds (though not a replacement for professional medical treatment).
- **Evergreen:** Ixora retains its green leaves all year round, adding continuous beauty to gardens.



Jungle Geranium (*Ixora coccinea*)

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Jungle Geranium

Scientific Name: *Ixora coccinea*

Care Instructions:

Sunlight: Prefers full sun to partial shade

Watering: Water regularly, keeping the soil slightly moist but not soggy

Soil: Well-drained, slightly acidic soil is best

Fertilizer: Use a balanced liquid fertilizer monthly during the growing season

Pruning: Trim after flowering to maintain shape and encourage new growth

Ecological Benefits:

Attracts butterflies, bees, and other pollinators

Helps in maintaining biodiversity in garden ecosystems

Improves air quality by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen

Other Interesting Plant Details:

Known for its bright clusters of small flowers in red, pink, yellow, or orange

Commonly used in tropical garden landscaping and hedges

Also called “Flame of the Woods” due to its fiery-colored blooms