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Trailing Russelia *Russelia furfuracea*

DESCRIPTION: Trailing Russelia is a herbaceous perennial native to the Tropical Deciduous Forests of Sonoran and Chihuahua, Mexico. It mounds to a foot tall and three feet wide. The wand-like stems are lined with crinkled oval leaves. Blooming occurs in warm weather. Flowers are tubular and small ($\frac{1}{2}$ " long), chalky-red to scarlet in color, and occur in clusters at the end of stems. In mild winters Trailing Russelia may be evergreen. Severe cold weather may freeze to the ground. It is hummingbird pollinated.

RECOMMENDED USE: Use in a shaded rock garden, as a shade ground cover, or in a patio container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Will come back from quick freezes of 22°F.



Sun tolerance: Prefers light all-day shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use; especially if kept in a container. Fertilize in spring and early summer.



Soil requirements: Loose soil in the ground. Potting soil in container.



Pruning: Any time.