



# Scarlet Fuchsia

## **BOTANICAL NAME**

*Graptophyllum excelsum*

## **Habitat/Ecology**

Dry rainforest, semi-evergreen vine thickets, limestone areas; locally The Caves, Mt Archer, Shoalwater Bay. NCA status 'near threatened'; listed as 'rare'. Threatened by lantana spread and land clearing. One of Rockhampton's floral emblems.

## **Home use**

Attractive native garden plant; cultivated for many years.

## **Habit**

Annual, dense shrub to 3 m tall x 1 m wide.

## **Flowers**

Flowers: June-February; 28-30 mm x 3-5.5 mm, tubular, crimson, blood-red or red-purple, abundant.  
Fruit: Dec-March; short capsules.

## **Leaves/Stems**

Leaves: 2.5-4 cm long x 0.8—1.5 cm wide.  
Leathery, dark, glossy and green above, duller below; margins smooth with tiny grooves.  
Stems: Spines on stems.

## **Propagation**

Tip cuttings or seeds; in nurseries.

## **Water/Shade**

Grows and flowers best in full sun; water-wise.

## **Maintenance**

Low maintenance, can be pruned; well-drained soil; fire-sensitive. Native plant fertiliser once a year.



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