



**Botanical Name:** Ruellia chartacea  
**Common Name:** Red Shrimp Plant, Peruvian Wild Petunia, Lobster Claw  
**Origin:** Tropical forests of the South American countries of Ecuador, Columbia, Brazil and Peru  
**Height/Width:** 2 m x 1m  
**Habit:** Evergreen shrub  
**Flower:** Terminal inflorescences, formed by showy bright red bracts that persist for many months. Flowers are orange-red tubular with yellow throats within the bracts

**Leaves:** Elliptic to lanceolate with a distinct sharp tip, dark green on the upper surface and a paler green below.  
**Climate:** Tropical to temperate  
**Soil:** .Well drained sub-acid to neutral  
**Aspect:** Shady humid positions  
**Prune:** Prune hard after flowering.  
**Drought/Frost:** Frost tender  
**Propagation:** Cuttings and seeds  
**NOTE:**  
Good plant for indoors