

# SCARLET MONKEY FLOWER

## MIMULUS CARDINALIS

AKA ERYTHRANTHE CARDINALIS



WITH A FLOWER SO RED IT SEEMS TO DEFY CLASSIFICATION AS A WILDFLOWER, NATIVE SCARLET MONKEY FLOWER OCCURS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND, OFTEN GROWING IN PARTIALLY SHADED AREAS WHERE MOISTURE IS ABUNDANT. A 2-3' PERENNIAL, ITS NECTAR RICH BLOSSOMS APPEAR THROUGHOUT MUCH OF THE SUMMER AND MAKE IT AN IMPORTANT HUMMINGBIRD PLANT. VERY TOLERANT OF SATURATED SOIL, IT CAN ALSO BE GROWN UNDER NORMAL GARDEN CONDITIONS, BUT DOES TEND TO RESEED ITSELF, SO IS BEST WHERE THAT PARTICULAR ATTRIBUTE IS OF BENEFIT. GROWS FINE IN SUN WITH AMPLE MOISTURE, BUT IS PERHAPS EASIEST IN PARTIAL SHADE. VERY NICE NEAR PONDS, CREEKS, OR OFTEN USED FAUCETS.

ZONES 5-10

SUN TO PART SHADE

