

## *Sanchezia speciosa*

### Scientific classification

Kingdom	:Plantae
Clade	:Angiosperms
Order	:Lamiales
Family	:Acanthaceae
Subfamily	:Acanthoideae
Tribe	:Ruellieae
Genus	: <i>Sanchezia</i>



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### Description:

**speciosa** is a semiwoody evergreen shrub growing up 3 m with smooth bright green or purple stems, large variegated leaves and colourful flowers. Leaves simple, opposite, blade oblong to elliptic, 10-40 cm long, green or with yellow veins. During summers, the *Sanchezia* produces terminal spikes of bright yellow-colored flowers tubular, surrounded by red (or orange) bracts, and are 8” – 15” inches long. The showy bracts help protect the flowers, particularly during the development and pollination stages and often last even after the flowers have fallen. The flowers are mainly pollinated by hummingbirds.

**Medicinal uses:** have been commonly **used** to treat gastritis disease. Literature survey reveals that ***Sanchezia speciosa*** had antioxidant and anticancer , antibacterial, antifungal and insecticidal effects