


Crossandra infundibuliformis

Scientific classification	
Kingdom : Plantae	
Clade : Angiosperms	
Order : Lamiales	
Family : Acanthaceae	
Genus : <i>Crossandra</i>	
Species : <i>C. infundibuliformis</i>	

Description

It is an erect, evergreen sub-shrub growing to 1 m with glossy, wavy-margined leaves and fan-shaped flowers, which may appear at any time throughout the year.^[1] The flowers are unusually shaped with 3 to 5 asymmetrical petals. They grow from four-sided stalked spikes, and have a tube-like 2 cm stalk. Flower colours range from the common orange to salmon-orange or apricot, coral to red, yellow and even turquoise.

Uses

Crossandra infundibuliformis belonging to family Acanthaceae is a well known medicinal plant in various regions of India. This plant is one of the most chosen variety for folk medicine. Flower extract is used in various conditions like fever, headache, aperitif, pain and wound healing