

SPECIES	Graptophyllum ilicifolium
COMMON NAME	Holly-leaved Fuchsia, Prickly Fuchsia
ORIGIN	Eungella region to the west of Mackay, Queensland
DESIGN USE	Excellent native hedging plant



HEIGHT

3–5m

HABIT

Rainforest upright shrub

FORM

Leaves are broadly egg-shaped or oval, to 5cm x 3cm, with toothed margins. They are borne alternately on the stem but opposing the leaf is a flower cluster usually accompanied by a small leaf bract which has the appearance of a dwarf leaf.

FLOWERS

Bright scarlet flowers borne in pairs or clusters along the stems, opposite the leaves. They are tubular, about 3cm in length.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring and early Summer

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is fairly quick growing in warmer climates but may be slow in cool temperate areas. The species prefers light shade for best results.

HORTICULTURE

Judicious pruning will maintain a bushy habit and promote prolific flowering. This species would quite probably be suitable for tub growing. Propagation is easy from cuttings and seed also germinates well from fresh seed.

REFERENCES

<http://asgap.org.au/g-ili.html>

