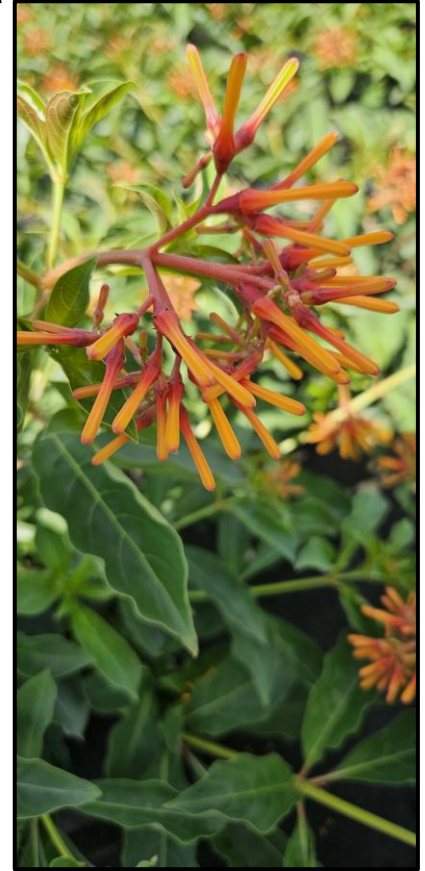


African Hamelia

Hamelia patens v. *glabra*



Sometime in the mid-1980s, a variety of *Hamelia patens* was introduced into the trade & became popular under the **misnomer** *Hamelia patens* 'African' or "African Firebush." Its correct botanical name is *Hamelia patens* var. *glabra*, which has a natural range that encompasses extreme southern Mexico through Central America and into northern South America, as well as Trinidad and Tobago. As the name *glabra* implies, the leaves are glabrous (without hairs) and are whorled in groups of 3-4 (typically 4). The flowers of this variety are **mostly yellow** with a **reddish orange base**, often with thin red lines along the outside of the floral tube. 3'-4' x 3'-4' or more. Full sun, partial sun. Perennial most winters. Loved by bees, butterflies, hummingbirds.