

Common Name: Pedilanthus

Euphorbia
Tithymaloides

Order:
Malpighiales

Family:
Euphorbiaceae

Genus: *Euphorbia*

Species:
Tithymaloides



DESCRIPTION

- Is native to tropical and subtropical North America and Central America.
- It prefers soil that is sandy, well-drained, and nutrient-rich, particularly with higher concentrations of boron, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, and zinc.
- The shrub can grow to 1.8 to 2.4 metres in height and generally is about 45 to 60 cm in width. The leaf is a simple angiosperm leaf, arranged oppositely on the stem.
- It is primarily used as an outdoor garden border plant, but certain varieties do well indoors.
- The roots, stems, and leaves of the plant are known to be toxic. These parts of the plant contain euphorbol (a complex terpene) and other diterpene esters. These are also known carcinogens.