

## Bat-Faced Cuphea



**Botanical Name:** *Cuphea llavea*

**Category:** Perennial, may be annual in Texas

**Blooms:** March to October; red and purple flowers resemble a bat's face

**Height:** 2-3 feet

**Width:** 3 feet

**Light:** Full sun, at least 6 hours or in filtered sun

**Water:** Drought tolerant but will flourish with watering during long dry spells

**Soil:** Well drained

**Propagation:** From cuttings taken during growing season

Attracts bees and butterflies

**Notes:** Pinching back in early summer will allow more branching; fertilize in midsummer and again in early fall with a light application of a balanced, slow release fertilizer. Work well with zinnias and Firebush or planted in front of cannas and upright-type elephant ears. No major pest or disease problems

