

XERISCAPE NATURE'S CHOICE OF LANDSCAPE



Calliandra (Fairy Duster)

The name calliandra refers to the beautiful stamens which make up the tufted or ball-like flowers. Their colors, ranging from pale pink through deep red, are indeed beautiful. These small to medium sized shrubs produce their flowers against a backdrop of finely divided, lacy-looking foliage. Calliandras can be used in a wide variety of landscape situations. Fairy dusters are a natural for wildlife gardens, adding a bright spot of color and a food source for hummingbirds. Calliandras are also well suited to a more traditional yard, where their nearly evergreen foliage and delicate blossoms provide color and interest. Fairy dusters require very little pruning to maintain their naturally rounded form, and are extremely drought tolerant, and bloom profusely in full sun. They tolerate most soil types and recover quickly if damaged by frost.

Calliandra eriophylla

Pink Fairy Duster

Pink fairy duster is a small shrub native to the desert southwest, where it can be found abundantly on dry, rocky and gravelly slopes between 1,000 and 5,000 feet in elevation. This fine-textured shrub matures to about 3 feet tall and 4 feet wide with supplemental watering. In late winter and early spring it will be covered with masses of fluffy pink flowers, and often reblooms in the fall.

Calliandra californica

Baja Red Fairy Duster

Baja red fairy duster is a medium-sized shrub with a delicate, ferny appearance. It grows to about 5 feet high by 5 feet wide and can be used as a natural hedge, screen, foundation planting or garden accent. The deep green foliage and bright red flowers are especially attractive when viewed close-up. The exceptionally long flowering period attracts hummingbirds throughout the year. Baja red fairy duster works well when contrasted with yellow-flowering plants such as desert marigold.