



## Cardinal's guard



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Pachystachus coccinea*

**USBG Plant Location:**

Conservatory

**Conservatory Room Location:**

Jungle

**Sunlight:**

Full sun to part shade

**Plant Soil Type:**

Well-drained, organically rich soil

**Plant Moisture Requirements:**

Prefers consistently moist soil

A broadleaf evergreen in northern South America and the West Indies, Cardinal's guard is grown as an annual in areas outside USDA Zone 10-11. This plant has scarlet red flowers and prefers full sun, although tolerates part shade, humid summers and continuous, even moisture. If grown as a houseplant, reduce watering in the winter and keep in a sunny window.

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