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## GALVEZIA SPECIOSA 'BOCAROSA' - Island Bush Snapdragon

This 1 to 1½ meter tall mounding shrub is a Snapdragon family member which is indigenous to the Santa Catalina Islands. The species can vary between a semi-vining straggly plant with smooth gray foliage to clumping forms with bright green foliage. 'Bocarosa' (Spanish translation of red lips) is such a plant--the neat, bright green habit being enhanced by the brilliant red 3 centimeter long tubular flowers which adorn the leaf axils near the ends of each branch all summer.

The bush snapdragon grows naturally in partially shaded areas under oaks on the islands. It will tolerate full sun in the garden if regular water is provided, but it prefers filtered sun as under oaks with periodic, deep watering. An annual application of fertilizer will keep it in bright green health. Dead flowers should be removed once a month to retain its neat appearance..

No insects or diseases seem to bother Galvezia.

Used as a background for Iris douglasiana and Ribes viburnifolium under oak trees, a lush green look would be created without over-watering the oak, or on an east facing slope in front of Heteromeles and Rhamnus californica 'Eve Case' a compatible environment might be found.

This superior form must be grown from cuttings. Any firm wood from near the branch ends will root with 3000 ppmIBA.

Seed of the species is easily germinated but will produce variable progeny.

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