

Castilleja tenuiflora

Santa Catalina Paintbrush

- Family: Scrophulariaceae
Genus: Castilleja
Species: tenuiflora
Height: 6" to 20"
Blooms: March to November.
Elevation: 4,000' to 6,000'
Habitat: Brushy areas and rock ledges in moderately dry chaparral and pine forests in mountains and higher hills.
Flowers: Flower is a showy red inflorescence, the colour being mostly on the calyx, which is about 1" to 1 1/2" long. The corolla is greenish and may reach 2" in length.
Leaves: Short, bristly, lanceolate about an inch long.
Range: Far southern New Mexico (Animas and Datil Mountains) and far southeastern Arizona south throughout most of Mexico to the Sierra Madre del Sur of Guerro and Oaxaca. Not rare in Mexico, but uncommon in New Mexico and Arizona.
.Notes: Photos taken in Mazatzal Wilderness Area in May 2003.



References

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