

# *Cuphea Hyssopifolia*

**Family:** Lythraceae

**Common Name:** Mexican heather; false heather

**Climate zone:** USDA zones 8-11

**Origin:** Mexico

**Flowering season:** Year-round

**Salt Tolerance:** Low

**Soil requirements:** Wide range

**Nutritional requirements:** Medium

**Light requirements:** Medium; high

**Major problems:** Nematodes;  
flea beetles

**Common uses:** Flowering  
groundcover



This small evergreen shrub grows at a medium rate to a height of about 2 feet. It has

simple, green leaves and lavender, pink or white flowers. It has a low drought tolerance and is propagated by tip cuttings and seed. This plant forms mounds from 18 to 36 inches in diameter. Prune lightly in the spring if the plant becomes scraggly. Provide a good, slow-release fertilizer for best flowering.