

Rhododendron cinnabarinum

Botanical name: *Rhododendron cinnabarinum*

Common name: Cinnaber rhododendron

Morphological Characters:

Rhododendron cinnabarinum is noted for its variety of leaf and flower forms and year-round cinnamon-and-camphor aroma. A small to medium evergreen shrub has leaves with a distinctive metallic sheen. The flowers, produced in spring, are tubular with spreading lobes to 3.5cm (2in) wide and as long. Flower color varies from plant to plant, from scarlet to yellow, with some bicour forms. The leaves can be wonderfully aromatic as the new foliage unfurls in the spring. The nectar of this species is reputed to be the most poisonous of all rhododendrons.



Growing Season and Type:

1. Wonderful profusion of pendant tubular red to plum crimson flowers in May and June.
2. Flowers are yellow to cinnabar red, sometimes ranging to plum colors.
3. It is a shrub that grows to 1–3 m in height.
4. Leaves are broadly elliptic, oblong-elliptic to oblong-lanceolate or ovate, 3–6 by 1.5–2.5 cm in size.



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1. Flower of *Rhododendron cinnabarinum*
2. Leaf of *Rhododendron cinnabarinum*
3. *Rhododendron cinnabarinum* plant

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