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branches below the leaves; small, whitish. The ovary has a large sessile-fringed stigma. The fruits are small, round, and black.

"These characters seem to me to be of importance in an ornamental way, if the tree will stand our climate." (*H. C. Skeels.*)

23744. CLIANTHUS PUNICEUS (Don) Soland.

"This is an old-fashioned greenhouse plant, grown sometimes to cover rafters or trellis work, but more frequently trained around sticks placed around the edge of the pot. Cultivated in eastern greenhouses, and a favorite Californian outdoor shrub. Blooms all winter in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The flowers, not very unlike those of the common *Erythrina*, are freely produced in hanging clusters. Cuttings rooted in early spring may be grown into good-sized plants during the summer. Water should be given sparingly during the dull months. Pruning, repotting, and tying the shoots should be done just before the growth begins. A sharp lookout should be kept for the red spider, frequent syringings being the only remedy for this pest." (*G. W. Oliver and W. M., in Encyc. of Amer. Hort.*)