

**COMMON NAME:**  
INDIAN PAINT BRUSH

**SCIENTIFIC NAME:**  
CASTILLEJA ANGUSTIFOLIA

**ALSO CALLED:** CASTILLEJA CHROMOSA, CASTILLEJA MARTINII, NARROW LEAF INDIAN PAINTBRUSH, AND DESERT PAINT BRUSH

**FLOWER COLOR:** RED  
**FLOWER ARRANGEMENT:** AT THE ENDS OF BRANCHES  
**FLOWERING TIME:** FEBRUARY TO JULY  
**LEAVES:** STEMLESS AND NARROW POINTED LONG LEAVES  
**NORMAL SIZE:** UP TO ABOUT 16"  
**NORMAL ELEVATION:** 2000' TO 8000'  
**HABITATION:** DRY PLAINS  
**ABUNDANCE:** COMMON

**NOTABLE DETAILS:** HERBACEOUS MULTI-STEMMED PLANT WITH BRIGHT RED ERECT PETALS PROTRUDING FROM THE TOP OF EACH BRANCH AND NARROW LEAVES AS OPPOSED TO FINGER-LIKE LEAVES.

**SPECIAL INTEREST:** NATIVE AMERICANS USED THESE PLANTS FOR COLORS TO COLOR FABRIC. THE INTERNAL FLOWER PARTS ARE HARD TO RECOGNIZE.