

# Lewis Monkeyflower

*Mimulus lewisii*



**Description:** Clusters of soft, hairy, sticky flower stems grow 8-30 in. tall. Showy, rose-red to pale pink, trumpet-shaped flowers, 1-2 in. long, bloom during the summer. Monkeyflowers have sensitive 2-lobed stamens that close when touched by insects. This may help pollination.

**Habitat:** Grows along streams and in moist forest openings.

**Landscape Uses:** Requires wet conditions, preferably by moving water. Adds color. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Spreads by rhizomes.

**Other:** Botanical specimens were first collected during the Lewis and Clark expedition and the plant was named after Meriwether Lewis.



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