This *Salvia coccinea* was consistently rated “superior” or “above average” by the AAS judges because of its early and generous flower blossoms, continuing from spring to autumn. Additionally, each dwarf and densely branching plant remains a tidy 20 inches tall, even at full maturity. The bright red flower spikes are covered with half inch blooms making it perfect for the bird lover’s garden where the bright red color acts as a magnet for hummingbirds. As an added bonus, goldfinches swarm the plant for seeds. Even the leaves add beauty with their finer-textured, dark-green color. ‘Summer Jewel Red’, just 50 days from sowing to first flower, is approximately two weeks earlier than comparisons. Expect long season performance and superior holding ability in both wind and rain. This annual is ideal for full sun containers, mixed beds and borders where uniformity is desired. Bred by Takii & Co, Ltd.

**AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Salvia coccinea*

**Common name:** Hummingbird sage, Scarlet sage, Texas sage

**Unique qualities:** More compact and earlier to flower

**Flower color:** Bright red

**Foliage color:** Dark green

**Flower form:** Spike

**Flower size:** ½ inch

**Plant type:** Dwarf, branching

**Plant height:** 20 inches at most

**Plant width:** 16 inches

**Garden location:** Full sun

**Garden spacing:** 10 to 12 inches apart

**Length of time from sowing seed to flower:** 50 days

**Closest comparisons on market:** ‘Lady in Red’