To Be Added As Additional Taxa Under *Graptophyllum pictum* In *Landscape Plants For Texas And Environs, Third Edition*:

**Pseuderanthemum carruthersii** (Seemann) A. Guillaumin  
*False Erantemum*

*(Eranthemum atropurpureum, Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum, Pseuderanthemum reticulatum)*

- Also known simply as Pseuderanthemum; *Pseuderanthemum carruthersii* is a medium to large broad-leaved evergreen shrub from New Caledonia or New Hebrides (Vanuatu) in the tropics where it may attain heights of 10N; in our region, *P. carruthersii* is a small to medium shrub in southern Rio Grande Valley or immediate Gulf Coast landscapes or more commonly is utilized as a summer annual were it reaches a height of 2N to 3N by the end of the growing season.

- The species’ main attraction is glossy variegated foliage of various colors ranging from a yellow-green to red-purple, or variegated with various combinations of yellow, green, pink, or purple.; moderately attractive funnel-shaped ¾O to 1O long four-petal white to purplish pink flowers with red-purple centers occur in narrow terminal panicles throughout the growing season.

- Although not fully tested throughout our region, plants generally grow well in full sun to partial shade; soils should be well drained and some irrigation is needed; heat, drought, and salt tolerance are moderate.

- Formerly several varieties were considered to be separate species including: *Pseuderanthemum carruthersii* var. *reticulatum* (*Pseuderanthemum reticulatum*), El Dorado, which has pink, green, or yellow leaves with yellow or creamy reticulate venation; and *Pseuderanthemum carruthersii* var. *atropurpureum* (*Eranthemum atropurpureum, Pseuderanthemum atropurpureum*), Purple Pseuderanthemum, which has purple-bronze to purple-green leaves or is variegated with purple.


Copyright 2002 with all rights reserved by Michael A. Arnold for future inclusion in *Landscape Plants For Texas And Environs, Third Edition*. 