Hardy Fuchsia

Fuchsia genii



Hardy Fuchsia flowers
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Description:

Stunning pink and purple nodding flowers dangle from red stems on this upright selection with golden yellow leaves; eye-catching in borders, beds and containers; cleanup during early spring before active growth starts

Ornamental Features

Hardy Fuchsia features dainty nodding semi-double purple frilly flowers with pink calyces at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. It has attractive gold evergreen foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter. The red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Hardy Fuchsia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Hardy Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Hardy Fuchsia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Hardy Fuchsia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.