Hardy Fuchsia

Fuchsia magellanica



Hardy Fuchsia flowers
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Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Bush Fuchsia, Hummingbird Fuchsia

Description:

A bushy and upright, semi-evergreen, hardy fuchsia variety; features draped, nodding flowers of scarlet-red with violet centers, contrasting the green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; perfect for borders or containers

Ornamental Features

Hardy Fuchsia features dainty nodding scarlet bell-shaped flowers with violet eyes and red anthers along the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Hardy Fuchsia in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Hardy Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting 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;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Hardy Fuchsia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.

Hardy Fuchsia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. 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.