Hardy Fuchsia

Fuchsia genii



Hardy Fuchsia flowers
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

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. Its attractive pointy leaves remain gold in colour throughout the year. The red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Hardy Fuchsia is a multi-stemmed annual with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant 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. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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 is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.