# Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

## Mor-Colorful Weigela

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# Mor-Colorful Weigela Weigela florida 'Morcolzam'

Height: 3 feet Spread: 4 feet Sunlight: •

Hardiness Zone: 5a

#### **Description:**

This extraordinary and lovely variety forms a low mounded shrub producing mottled green foliage with creamy yellow edges with hints of pink; light pink trumpet flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies in spring; ideal for the mixed garden border

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mor-Colorful Weigela features showy clusters of pink trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches in late spring, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. It has attractive creamy white-variegated green foliage with hints of pink which emerges lime green in spring. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Mor-Colorful Weigela is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mor-Colorful Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Mor-Colorful Weigela flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Mor-Colorful Weigela foliage Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Planting & Growing**

Mor-Colorful Weigela will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mor-Colorful Weigela makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.