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## Magenta Cape Fuchsia



### Magenta Cape Fuchsia *Phygelius capensis 'Magenta'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 8a



*Magenta Cape Fuchsia flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### Description:

A striking variety featuring vivid magenta trumpet flowers on deep ruby stems, over mounded green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense self supporting round sub-shrub that can be treated as a tender perennial in colder areas

#### Ornamental Features

Magenta Cape Fuchsia features dainty nodding hot pink tubular flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive serrated pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the year. The ruby-red stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Magenta Cape Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. 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

Magenta Cape Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

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### Planting & Growing

Magenta Cape Fuchsia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) 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. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Magenta Cape Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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. 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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.