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# Diamantina Tourmaline Fuchsia Bush Mandevilla

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Mandevilla 'LANKENTUCKY'

Hardiness Zone: (annual) Other Names: Dipladenia

Group/Class: Diamantina Collection

#### **Description:**

This selection with a non-vining, bushy habit, produces showy fuchsia trumpet flowers from spring to fall, over glossy green leaves; a great choice for patio containers, hanging baskets, or mixed combinations; drought tolerant; prefers sunny locations

#### **Planting & Growing**

This plant is native to the tropics and prefers growing in moist environments with evenly warm conditions all year round. In our climate, it is usually grown as an outdoor annual in the garden or in a container. If you want it to survive the winter, it can be brought in to the house and provided with special care, and then returned to the garden the following season. In its preferred tropical habitat, it can grow to be around 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. However, when grown as an annual or when overwintered indoors, it can be expected to perform differently, and its exact height and spread will depend on many factors; you may wish to consult with our experts as to how it might perform in your specific application and growing conditions.



Diamantina Tourmaline Fuchsia Bush Mandevilla flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Diamantina Tourmaline Fuchsia Bush Mandevilla in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Diamantina Tourmaline Fuchsia Bush Mandevilla is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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. 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 IS A TROPICAL PLANT AND SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --