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Fairy Lights Fuchsia



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Fuchsia 'Fairy Lights'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A striking, compact fuchsia variety featuring nodding flowers of deep rose-purple and shell pink against the green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense self supporting round shrub that is perfect for the garden or containers

Ornamental Features

Fairy Lights Fuchsia features dainty nodding rose bell-shaped flowers with purple overtones, white eyes and shell pink calyces along the branches from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive serrated pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Fairy Lights Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. 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 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.

Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Fairy Lights Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Fairy Lights Fuchsia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Fairy Lights Fuchsia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this 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. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Fairy Lights Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.