# **Stonegate Gardens**

# **Mary Fuchsia**

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# Mary Fuchsia Fuchsia 'Mary'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

### **Description:**

A sweet fuchsia variety featuring clusters of crimson nodding flowers that contrast the mass of dark green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense self supporting erect shrub

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mary Fuchsia features showy nodding crimson trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive pointy leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive red veins throughout the year.



Mary Fuchsia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Landscape Attributes**

Mary Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual 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 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

Mary Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Mary Fuchsia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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.

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This plant does best in partial shade to shade. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Mary 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. 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.