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Rainbow Sensation Weigela



Rainbow Sensation® Weigela

Weigela florida 'Kolmagira'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

This visually stunning variety forms a low mounded shrub with variegated leaves of green and light yellow, splashed with pink; rose pink trumpet-shaped flowers attract hummingbirds and butterflies in spring; very showy, ideal for the mixed garden border

Ornamental Features

Rainbow Sensation Weigela features showy clusters of rose trumpet-shaped flowers with hot pink throats along the branches in late spring. It has attractive buttery yellow-variegated dark green foliage with hints of pink. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Rainbow Sensation Weigela is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Rainbow Sensation Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Rainbow Sensation Weigela flowers
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Rainbow Sensation Weigela in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Rainbow Sensation Weigela will grow to be about 4 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.

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.

Rainbow Sensation 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.