

Island Sunset Fuchsia



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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Description:

A bushy, spreading fuchsia featuring vivid, pink blushed, gray-green foliage with cream margins; exotic red and purple flowers in summer; very attractive to hummingbirds; excellent for containers, hanging baskets, or window boxes



Island Sunset Fuchsia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Island Sunset Fuchsia features dainty nodding red trumpet-shaped flowers with purple overtones along the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has attractive grayish green foliage edged in creamy white with hints of pink. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Island Sunset Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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

Island Sunset Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Island Sunset Fuchsia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 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 20 years.

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This shrub 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Island Sunset Fuchsia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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.