Autumnale Fuchsia

Fuchsia 'Autumnale'



Autumnale Fuchsia flowers
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful, trailing fuchsia variety featuring nodding red and purple flowers against the yellow-green foliage flushed with red and red veins; very attractive to hummingbirds; excellent for containers, hanging baskets, or window boxes

Ornamental Features

Autumnale Fuchsia features dainty nodding red trumpet-shaped flowers with purple overtones and white anthers along the branches from mid summer to mid fall. Its attractive glossy pointy leaves remain lime green in color with distinctive red veins and tinges of gold throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Autumnale Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. 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

Autumnale Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Autumnale Fuchsia will grow to be about 14 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.

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. 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.

Autumnale 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.