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Thyme-Leaved Fuchsia

Fuchsia thymifolia

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Encliandra Fuchsia, Thyme Leafed Fuchsia

Description:

A fine fuchsia variety featuring dainty purple-pink nodding flowers; small thyme-like leaves create a fine texture; very attractive to hummingbirds

Ornamental Features

Thyme-Leaved Fuchsia features dainty nodding fuchsia trumpet-shaped flowers with white anthers along the branches from mid spring to early fall. Its small serrated oval leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Thyme-Leaved Fuchsia is a multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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

Thyme-Leaved Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Thyme-Leaved Fuchsia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Thyme-Leaved 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.

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade. 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Thyme-Leaved 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.