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Lady in Black Fuchsia

Fuchsia 'Lady in Black'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A striking fuchsia variety featuring double flowers with black-purple petals beneath deep scarlet-pink sepals in mid summer; very attractive to hummingbirds; has a trailing habit that can be trained up a trellis or fence; great for hanging baskets

Ornamental Features

Lady in Black Fuchsia features dainty nodding deep purple bell-shaped flowers with black overtones and scarlet calyces along the branches from early summer to mid fall. Its serrated pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lady in Black Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging 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

Lady in Black Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Lady in Black Fuchsia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Lady in Black Fuchsia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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 a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Lady in Black Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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. 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.

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