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Thalia Fuchsia
Fuchsia 'Thalia'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Fuchsia triphylla Hybrid

Description:

A striking fuchsia variety featuring nodding tubular flowers of brilliant scarlet, against the dark olive green foliage that is tinged purple beneath; very attractive to hummingbirds; a self supporting rounded shrub, perfect for the garden or containers

Ornamental Features

Thalia Fuchsia features dainty nodding scarlet trumpet-shaped flowers with orange centers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to mid fall. Its attractive textured pointy leaves remain olive green in color with curious purple undersides and tinges of pink throughout the year. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Thalia Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. 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 butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Thalia Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Thalia Fuchsia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Thalia Fuchsia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.

Thalia Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.