



Early Weigela

Weigela praecox

Height: 9 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A large upright and spreading shrub with creamy-yellow variegated leaves that becomes covered in clusters of golden-yellow throated, trumpet-shaped pink blooms which appear early and recur throughout the summer

Ornamental Features

Early Weigela is covered in stunning clusters of pink trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats along the branches in mid spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Early Weigela is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Early Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Early Weigela flowers
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Early Weigela in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Early Weigela will grow to be about 9 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.