





Thalia Fuchsia Fuchsia 'Thalia'

Hardiness Zone: 8a

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



Thalia Fuchsia flowers
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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. It has attractive olive green foliage with purple undersides and tinges of pink. The textured pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain olive green throughout the winter. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Thalia Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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





Planting & Growing

Thalia Fuchsia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub 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. 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 makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.