# Santa Claus Fuchsia

***Fuchsia 'Santa Claus'***



*Santa Claus Fuchsia flowers*
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

A bushy, mounded fuchsia variety that features bright red and white nodding flowers dangle from green bushy foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; excellent for containers, hanging baskets, or window boxes

**Ornamental Features**

Santa Claus Fuchsia features dainty nodding semi-double white frilly flowers with red bracts at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive red flower buds. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Santa Claus Fuchsia is a 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 plant 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 butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Santa Claus Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

**Planting & Growing**

Santa Claus Fuchsia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Santa Claus Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its height, it is often used 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.