Caricature Weigela

Weigela florida 'Caricature'



Caricature Weigela foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A magnificent and unusual variety, featuring cupped, crinkled, glossy green foliage with cream edges; bright pink trumpets in late spring; attractive to hummingbirds; somewhat coarse and open in habit, good for general garden use; needs full sun

Ornamental Features

Caricature Weigela is clothed in stunning clusters of pink trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches in late spring. It has attractive green foliage edged in creamy white. The crinkled pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The smooth gray bark and brick red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.



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Landscape Attributes

Caricature Weigela is a multi-stemmed deciduous 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 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.

Caricature Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Caricature Weigela will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.