Volans Weigela

Weigela 'Volans'



Volans Weigela flowers
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A beautiful shrub that blooms in early summer, featuring white trumpet-shaped flowers, with yellow throats and pale pink highlights; attracts butterflies; great for the back of flower beds, or as a landscape specimen



Volans Weigela in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Volans Weigela features showy clusters of lightly-scented white trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats and a shell pink reverse along the branches in early summer. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The crinkled narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Volans 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Volans Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Volans Weigela will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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 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. 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.

Volans Weigela makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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 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.