Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap

Scutellaria 'Fuchsia Fountains'



Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap flowers
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Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A beautifully flowering herbaceous groundcover bathed with fuchsia-pink flowers all season; spectacular when in mass bloom; lovely in the garden, or along low borders or walkways

Ornamental Features

Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap is bathed in stunning spikes of fuchsia pea-like flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 4 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.

Fuchsia Fountains Skullcap is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.