# Penola Lavender Grevillea

***Grevillea lavandulacea 'Penola'***

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

**Description:**

A fine textured, drought tolerant variety with an upright form and lavender-like foliage; grows well in most well drained soils; tolerates drought and moderate frost; rose-red flower clusters on arching branches from fall to spring

**Ornamental Features**

Penola Lavender Grevillea is bathed in stunning rose tubular flowers with red overtones along the branches from late fall to early spring. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of white. The small fuzzy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Penola Lavender Grevillea is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

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 birds and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Penola Lavender Grevillea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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**Planting & Growing**

Penola Lavender Grevillea will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Penola Lavender Grevillea 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.