Wynanda Heather

Calluna vulgaris 'Wynanda'



Wynanda Heather flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Bud Bloomers Scotch Heather, Ling Heather

Description:

A spectacular variety featuring deep pink-purple buds that glow above deep green foliage for a long period; foliage turns purple-green in winter; very particular about growing conditions, needs acidic organic soil, will die in anything else

Ornamental Features

Wynanda Heather features tiny spikes of purple flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the branches from late summer to late fall. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The needles are highly ornamental and turn deep purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Wynanda Heather is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees 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.

Wynanda Heather is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Wynanda Heather will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have sandy, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.

Wynanda Heather makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.