Professor Henkel Fuchsia

Fuchsia 'Professor Henkel'



Professor Henkel Fuchsia flower buds
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Honeysuckle Fuchsia, Upright Fuchsia

Description:

A striking fuchsia variety featuring nodding trumpet flowers of orange and coral, contrasting the gray-green, oval foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense, self-supporting round shrub that is great for borders, beds, or containers

Ornamental Features

Professor Henkel Fuchsia features dainty nodding orange trumpet-shaped flowers with coral-pink overtones along the branches from late spring to mid fall. Its serrated oval leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Professor Henkel Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Professor Henkel Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Professor Henkel Fuchsia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Professor Henkel Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.