# Pink Princess Escallonia

***Escallonia x exoniensis 'Fradesii'***

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Frades Escallonia

**Description:**

Rich pink flowers bloom nearly year-round in clusters on this upright, compact, evergreen shrub; a perfect choice for screening or a hedge in that it responds well to pruning and shaping; also great as a background along borders



*Pink Princess Escallonia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Pink Princess Escallonia features showy clusters of pink trumpet-shaped flowers with red overtones at the ends of the branches from early spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive crimson flower buds. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges light green in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.



*Pink Princess Escallonia in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Pink Princess Escallonia is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Princess Escallonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

### Planting & Growing

Pink Princess Escallonia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 40 years or more.

This shrub 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



*Pink Princess Escallonia foliage*
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