



## Lady in Black Fuchsia

*Fuchsia 'Lady in Black'*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 9a

### Description:

A striking fuchsia variety featuring double flowers with black-purple petals beneath deep scarlet-pink sepals in mid summer; very attractive to hummingbirds; has a trailing habit that can be trained up a trellis or fence; great for hanging baskets

### Ornamental Features

Lady in Black Fuchsia features dainty nodding deep purple bell-shaped flowers with black overtones and scarlet calyces along the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### Landscape Attributes

Lady in Black Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

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 hummingbirds to your yard.

Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Lady in Black Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Lady in Black Fuchsia flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Lady in Black Fuchsia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. You may want to 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Lady in Black Fuchsia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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. 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.