River Street Flowerland

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Small Leaf Fuchsia

Fuchsia microphylla



Small Leaf Fuchsia flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A fine fuchsia variety featuring dainty white nodding flowers that may show a pink flush; small bright green leaves give a finer texture; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense self supporting round shrub

Ornamental Features

Small Leaf Fuchsia features dainty nodding white trumpet-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones along the branches from late summer to early fall. Its small oval leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Small Leaf Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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

Small Leaf Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Small Leaf Fuchsia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 should be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Small Leaf Fuchsia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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.