

## Green Thumb Nursery, Inc Flower & Garden Shop

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### Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia Phygelius 'Passionate Pink'

Plant Height: 18 inches
Flower Height: 24 inches

Group/Class: Pheeges Series

#### **Description:**

A striking variety featuring nodding, vivid pink trumpet flowers against the mounded green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense self supporting round sub-shrub that can be treated as a tender perennial in colder areas



Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia features dainty nodding hot pink trumpet-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early summer to mid fall. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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

Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

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 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.

Passionate Pink Cape Fuchsia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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. 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. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is **NOT RELIABLY WINTER HARDY** and considered "TROPICAL" in our region. It must be over-wintered inside with supplemental heat or used as a 1-season annual plant. The plant's desirable characteristics make it a good choice for growing in patio containers or flower gardens. Contact the store for care and over-wintering information.