



## Small Leaf Fuchsia

*Fuchsia microphylla*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

### 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. It has green evergreen foliage. The small oval leaves remain green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

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

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

Small Leaf Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Small Leaf Fuchsia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



*Small Leaf Fuchsia flowers*  
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This shrub should be grown in a location with 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. 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 makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.