Fairy Dust® Pink Cuphea

Cuphea 'Fairy Dust Pink'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Group/Class: Fairy Dust Series

Description:

Small, freely branching shrub or subshrub with unusual, airy delicate lavender-pink flowers that fill the spaces in mixed container and garden displays; grown as an annual in cooler climates; heat and drought tolerant

Ornamental Features

Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea has shell pink tubular flowers with lavender overtones and rose stripes along the branches from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds, and which are interesting on close inspection. It has green evergreen foliage. The small oval leaves remain green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea flowers
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Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. 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 10 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.

Fairy Dust Pink Cuphea makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. 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.