# Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea

***Cuphea 'CUPP1751'***

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

**Description:**

Small, freely branching sub-shrub with unusual, airy, cherry-red and yellow tubular flowers; looks great in mixed container and garden displays; grown as an annual in cooler climates; heat and drought tolerant; tidy, compact rounded habit

**Ornamental Features**

Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea has cherry red tubular flowers with buttery yellow overtones along the branches from mid spring to mid fall, which are interesting on close inspection. It has dark green evergreen foliage. The small glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea flowers*
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*Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea in bloom*
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea in bloom*
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**Planting & Growing**

Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 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 fast 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. 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.

Hummingbird's Lunch Cuphea 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. 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.