



# DebRon's Funny Valentine Fuchsia Fuchsia 'DebRon's Funny Valentine'

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Group/Class: DebRon's series

## **Description:**

A striking fuchsia variety featuring nodding flowers of hot red with white sepals and pink anthers, against the rich, green foliage; very attractive to hummingbirds; a dense, self supporting shrub that is perfect for patio containers and borders

#### **Ornamental Features**

DebRon's Funny Valentine Fuchsia features dainty nodding red bell-shaped flowers with white overtones and pink anthers along the branches from late spring to early fall. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The serrated pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.



DebRon's Funny Valentine Fuchsia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Landscape Attributes**

DebRon's Funny Valentine 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 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

DebRon's Funny Valentine Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



## **Planting & Growing**

DebRon's Funny Valentine Fuchsia will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. 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 a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

DebRon's Funny Valentine 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. 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.