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## **Bella Fuchsia® Sophia Fuchsia** *Fuchsia 'Bella Fuchsia Sophia'*

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Group/Class: Bella Fuchsia Series

### **Description:**

An innovative fuchsia series bred for containers and hanging baskets, featuring outward facing flowers of creamy white, with shell pink sepals and red anthers; very attractive to hummingbirds; perfect for patio pots in sun or shade

### **Ornamental Features**

Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia features dainty nodding creamy white bell-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and red anthers along the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has green evergreen foliage. The pointy leaves remain green throughout the winter.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Bella Fuchsia Sophia 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

Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia flowers*  
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*Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia in bloom*  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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. You may want to 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 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.

Bella Fuchsia Sophia Fuchsia 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 larger 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.