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Cuphoric Pink Cuphea *Cuphea 'Cuphoric Pink'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Small, freely branching shrub or subshrub with unusual violet tubular flowers that open to a star shape displaying pink and white petals; grown as an annual in cooler climates

Ornamental Features

Cuphoric Pink Cuphea has pink tubular flowers with purple throats along the branches from early summer to early fall, which are interesting on close inspection. Its small oval leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Cuphoric Pink Cuphea is an open multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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.

Cuphoric Pink Cuphea is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Cuphoric Pink Cuphea will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



Cuphoric Pink Cuphea flowers
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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. 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.

Cuphoric Pink Cuphea is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.