

Cuphea Hyssopifolia (Lavender) - Plant



Cuphea Hyssopifolia is a small evergreen shrub. This plant has gained the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit.

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Description

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Cuphea hyssopifolia is a small evergreen shrub native to Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras. It grows to about 60 cm high by 90 cm wide and has purple, lavender or white coloured flowers and fine foliage.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Cuphea Hyssopifolia, false heather, Mexican heather	Lavender	Flowers freely	1.5 to 2 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Dig holes or beds wide, not deep Lightly amend heavy clay or sandy soils with organic matter Gently remove plants from containers, keeping the root ball intact

Loosen potting soil and roots around bottom and edges of root ball Plant level with surrounding soil, spreading roots outward

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Well drained soil	Medium	20 to 30 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Cuphea Hyssopifolia

- Maintain a growing area that offers full sun to partial shade for best growth; cut back neighboring plants if they create excessively shaded conditions.
- Maintain moist, well-drained soil. Irrigate frequently, but avoid creating soil that remains fully saturated.
- Rewater when the top layer of soil feels dry to the touch.
- Lay a 2- to 3-inch layer of organic matter such as compost on the soil surrounding Mexican heather without allowing the compost to come into contact with stems.

- Prune lightly with pruning shears any time of year to create the desired appearance.
- Prune mature plants severely in spring or winter to encourage regrowth; pinch the tips of younger plants to "encourage bushiness and more compact growth," suggests the University of Florida extension.
- Monitor Mexican heather plants regularly for abnormalities or the presence of beetles.
- Though these plants tend to resist problems, they occasionally face pest problems such as flea beetle infestations.
- Examine plants for the presence of flea beetles Look for long-legged beetles with metallic blue-green bodies measuring 1/16 to 1/8 inch in length. Beetles jump when disturbed.
- Look for damage caused by adults, which feed with greatest intensity during spring; though the white larvae feed on roots, they typically result in little damage.
- Examine leaves and stems for holes and a ragged appearance from beetle chewing.

Typical uses of Cuphea Hyssopifolia

Special features: Annual for borders, beds, ground cover or edgings along walkways or paths. Container plant for decks, patios or porches. Hanging baskets. Houseplant.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose

References

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