

Cuphea Hyssopifolia (White) - Plant



Cuphea (Cuphea hyssopifolia) is a small tropical evergreen sub-shrub with many charming attributes including compact form and fine textured foliage.

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Description

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Increasingly available in garden centres, exotic cuphea looks like the tropical native it is. It loves hot, humid weather and will bloom all summer, some types producing cool little tubular flowers in red-hot colours that give it one of its common names - cigar flower.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
False heather, Elfin herb, Cigar flower, Cuphea	Deep purple and bright red.	Spring through fall.	18 to 24 inches.	Easy.

Planting and care

Cupheas grow best when they are planted in full, bright sun but are quite happy to have periods of light shade during heat of the afternoon. Plant your Cuphea in light, compost rich, well-drained soil.

Water regularly and thoroughly until they are well established, then watering can be reduced somewhat. Established plants can tolerate occasional periods of drought, but they grow best in evenly moist soil. Pinch back the tip of each stem when they reach 8"-10" tall to induce bushiness and create a more compact shape.

Feed your Cuphea monthly while actively growing, using a good all-purpose fertilizer, or feed them once in the spring with a slow release granular plant food.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun or partial shade.	Moderately fertile, well-drained soil.	Water regularly and thoroughly until they are well established, then watering	60Å°-65Å° F.	Feed your Cuphea monthly while actively growing, using a good all-purpose fertilizer,

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Caring for Cuphea Hyssopifolia

- Prune in spring. Tip prune for bushy growth.
- Perennial Cupheas are frost tender plants.
- Pruning group 10 in spring if needed.

Typical uses of Cuphea Hyssopifolia

Special features: False heather's compact size and evergreen nature make it a perfect permanent addition to small spaces. It blends nicely with other plants in container gardens and rarely requires special attention. Combine false heather with it's close cousin, cigar plant (*Cuphea ignea*) for a sensational color combination of orange and purple. False heather is easy to find at most garden centers and nurseries. It is cheap and easy to grow so plant a few and all kinds of sulfur butterflies will come running to dine on this vibrantly colored feast that you have set!

Ornamental use: It is used for borders, beds or edgings along walkways and paths. The dense and low growing plant makes a beautiful low maintenance ground cover. The distance of planting should be 9 in c/c.

References

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