Waltons Garden Center
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Orange Carpet® Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet

Epilobium canum 'PWWG01S'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Zauschneria garrettii, E. canum var garrettii

Description:

A low growing, mat forming selection that features bright, orange-red blooms in mid-summer to early fall; trailing habit is ideal for spilling over garden walls or raised beds; this selection offers improved cold hardiness



Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet flowers
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Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet is covered in stunning clusters of orange trumpet-shaped flowers with scarlet overtones at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. Its small pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



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This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Orange Carpet Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.