

Botanical Name: Phygелиus capensis 'African Queen'

Common Name: Cape fuchsia

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Scrophulariaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Sprawling, shrubby perennial with trailing branches which root at the nodes; can be wood in colder climates

Height to 4 ft. Spread 3 to 6 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained loamy soil

Hardiness Hardy - Zones 4-9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves Lanceolate, dark green, to 3" long with serrated margins, densely set on stems

Flowers loose clusters of red tubular flowers with yellow centers; blooms through spring and summer

Fruit fleshy capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings any time, layering or division

Usage: Filler plant used for brightly colored flowers which look fuchsia-like; can form a loose, rangy form, or can be kept neat and dense; mixes well in subtropical or cottage garden styles

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering, not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release fertilizer in early spring

Pruning head back frequently if dense form is required

Pests/Diseases none major

Other

Origin: South Africa