



EREMOPHILA MACULATA VALENTINE™

This evergreen shrub from Australia blooms in the winter with red to hot pink tubular flowers. It has a naturally dense form and is extremely heat tolerant. Valentine™ blooms from January through March with masses of red flower buds that open to form hot pink, fuchsia-like blossoms. In the winter months the tiny, dark green leaves develop an attractive reddish tinge. If left unpruned, it has a spiky, natural form very similar to that of Chihuahuan sage (*Leucophyllum laevigatum*). However, it responds well to shearing, and can be maintained in a tight ball, if desired. In fact, blooming occurs on new tip growth, so an annual shearing is recommended in late spring, after flowering has ended. Plant it in full sun for best growth and flower production.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	4 feet x 4-5 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Red to Hot Pink
FLOWER SEASON	Winter to Early Spring
EXPOSURE	Full sun, Reflected Sun
WATER	Low - Moderate
GROWTH RATE	Moderate - Fast
HARDINESS	15° F, USDA Zone 8
PRUNING	Shear in March or After Bloom



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