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Red Tweedie Bird Weigela

Weigela florida 'Redtwbizam'



Red Tweedie Bird Weigela flowers
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This brash deubtante is a low mounded shrub whose arching branches are smothered in fire-engine red trumpet flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies in spring; ideal for the mixed garden border

Ornamental Features

Red Tweedie Bird Weigela features showy clusters of red trumpet-shaped flowers with cherry red overtones and yellow anthers along the branches in late spring. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Red Tweedie Bird Weigela in bloom
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

Landscape Attributes

Red Tweedie Bird Weigela is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Red Tweedie Bird Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Red Tweedie Bird Weigela will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Red Tweedie Bird Weigela makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

