





CUPHEA LLAVEA


Bat Face Cuphea

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Attracts hummingbirds

 Native to Mexico & Central America

Why we love it...

Thick, sandpapery, dark green foliage is the perfect backdrop for the rich red and purple flowers of the Bat Face Cuphea. The petite blossoms resemble that of a bat's face, and cover the plant profusely in the spring, summer, and fall. It prefers to reside in areas that receive just a few hours of morning sunshine a day and that offer protection from the elements.

It looks stunning in hanging baskets and containers on patios or in courtyards. Weeping growth habits in hanging baskets can be achieved easily by only pinching when necessary, and letting the plant grow out. In containers, where a shrubbier plant may be desired, simply pinch back long stems frequently to encourage plant density.



Lydia says: Feed Bat Face Cuphea frequently during the growing season with an all-purpose fertilizer to promote fresh growth and continuous blossoming.

Perennial: Cuphea llavea

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 2-3 feet

Blooms: Red and purple in spring, summer, and fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 20° F, USDA Zone 9

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Spring

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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