

DEATH OF FUCHSIA PLANTS

Do plants know when they are going to die?

Please can anyone explain this.....?

Most of you will know, I have a large collection of encliandra type fuchsia's and in spring 2011 I planted out twenty-eight of them in a raised boarder to check for hardiness. All did well that year and in November I cut off the unripe branches and put a 100 mm thick mulch around each plant

We had a mild winter, yet the following year two failed to grow. Oosje, (which I had planted two of), and Marles-de-Keijzer.

Now this is the strange thing, in both positions where the two plants had died, lots of seedlings started to appear, with very few from other parts of the boarder.

I potted up 40 of the strongest plants to grow on, Mostly from Marlies-de-Keijzer, and most with greyish leaves. They have now all grown and flowered well. One or two are worth persisting with.

So what do you think? Do fuchsia's know they are going to die, that's why they leave seedling ready to flourish or is it just pure coincidence?

