

## Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo



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*Indigofera amblyantha*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Pinkflower, Indigo, Indigofera

#### Description:

Graceful, upright racemes of pink pea-shaped flowers make a showy display in summer; compound foliage adds a nice texture to the landscape; will die back to the ground in colder climates, but will re-sprout from the roots

#### Ornamental Features

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo features showy racemes of pink pea-like flowers with rose overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer. Its oval compound leaves remain emerald green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo is a multi-stemmed perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo flowers*  
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*Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo in bloom*  
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### Planting & Growing

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.