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Chinese Pink



Chinese Pink *Dianthus chinensis*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: China Pink, Rainbow Pink

Description:

A vigorous variety with a low growing habit; a compact early bloomer, producing masses of pretty single flowers in tones of pink, red, and white with a pleasant, spicy fragrance; a divine addition to flower beds and borders

Ornamental Features

Chinese Pink is covered in stunning fragrant rose round flowers with white overtones, indigo eyes and dark red centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Chinese Pink is a dense herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant 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 bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Chinese Pink is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Chinese Pink flowers
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Chinese Pink in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Chinese Pink will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Chinese Pink is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.