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## Natasha Meadow Phlox



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*Phlox maculata 'Natasha'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

#### Ornamental Features

Natasha Meadow Phlox features bold fragrant conical pink star-shaped flowers with white stripes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its glossy grassy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Natasha Meadow Phlox is an herbaceous 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 should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Natasha Meadow Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### Planting & Growing

Natasha Meadow Phlox will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!



*Natasha Meadow Phlox flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Natasha Meadow Phlox is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.