



### **Bill Baker Phlox**

*Phlox carolina 'Bill Baker'*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Carolina Phlox



*Bill Baker Phlox flowers*  
Photo courtesy of V. Trattar

#### **Description:**

Thick lance-shaped leaves are adorn this North American native phlox discovered by Bill Baker; flowers are clustered in cymes in either pink or purplish tones depending on the soil conditions provided

#### **Ornamental Features**

Bill Baker Phlox is covered in stunning fragrant pink star-shaped flowers with hot pink eyes at the ends of the stems in early summer. Its narrow leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Bill Baker Phlox is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bill Baker Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Bill Baker Phlox will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 9 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 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.

Bill Baker Phlox 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.