

Botanical Name: Dianthus species

Common Name: Dianthus

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Caryophyllaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, upright herbaceous perennial with blue-green foliage and long, slender stems; various sizes available

Height to 3 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers a light, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy - Zones 1-24

Morphology:

Leaves blue-green, linear to lanceolate, 2-3" long, alternate, usually reflexed

Flowers terminal, usually double flowers in pink, white, red or violet, to 3" across - very fragrant

Fruit 4-valved capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: good facer plant or filler for perennial borders, good in cottage gardens, cutting beds or mixed with other perennials; excellent cut flower for color and fragrance

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering; tolerates somewhat dry conditions well

Fertilizing slow-release, balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning dead-head frequently; can be headed hard in fall

Pests/Diseases rust, fusarium wilt

Other discard wilt-infected plants

Origin: Southern Europe