

Botanical Name: Dianthus plumarius

Common Name: Cottage pink

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape tumbling, spreading plant with upright flower stems holding blooms above the foliage; very fragrant blooms over a long season

Height 12 to 24" Spread 12 to 24" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade in hot inland areas

Soil requires good drainage; prefers slightly alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves linear, blue-green leaves to 3" long, 1/8" across, oppositely arranged on stem; stems usually spread and point upright at ends

Flowers single or double in pink, red white and combinations; very fragrant 'mini-carnation' flowers

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: spreading border perennial for fragrance, flowers and blue-green color; good along paths, edging plant in rose gardens, or tumbling from raised beds; old-fashioned perennial gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; avoid over-watering in heavy soils

Fertilizing slow-release in spring

Pruning dead-head frequently to prolong blooming season

Pests/Diseases rust and fusarium wilt

Special Conditions excellent drainage gives best results with all Dianthus

Origin: Bulgaria Family: Caryophyllaceae