

Botanical Name: Dianthus chinensis

Common Name: Chinese pink

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, sprawling plant, usually dome-like, covered with
bright flowers - usually not highly fragrant

Height 1' - 1 1/2' Spread 2' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil requires a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy - all zones

Morphology:

Leaves 1"-3" long, narrow, linear to lanceolate, 1/4" wide,
frequently hairy on margins

Flowers flattened, fringed flowers in groupings - usually multi-
colored with dark eye

Fruit small 4-valved capsule

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: in borders, warm sunny beds, usually used as a facer plant
for spring color; also good in raised beds or containers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular water but demands good drainage - avoid
overwatering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly

Pruning shear off spent blooms occasionally

Pests/Diseases fusarium wilt, rust

Special Conditions usually short-lived as a perennial
Central to East

Origin: China Family: Caryophyllaceae