

Botanical Name: Armeria alliacea

Common Name: Plantain thrift; Jersey thrift

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Plumbaginaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping rosette of upright stiff foliage and pink flowers
which are held well above the foliage; stays low and compact

Height 6 to 8 in. Spread up to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil good drainage is essential

Hardiness hardy; Zones 1-9 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical to linear, medium green to 4" long set
in dense clumps or rosettes; foliage is upright and large compared to A. maritima

Flowers round clusters to 1" across; flowers range from intense pink
to light lavender; round clusters held high above foliage

Fruit 1/4" diameter berry; begins white and turns blue

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: excellent rock garden plant valued for compact form and
pink flowers; good in containers, small scale landscapes, seaside gardens, and
dry garden beds

Landscape Care:

Watering drought tolerant once established; does not tolerate over-
watering; be cautious in heavy soils and moist climates

Fertilizing none required

Pruning dead head old flowers as needed

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other variety 'Leucantha' has white flowers

Origin: Southern Portugal and Spain