

Botanical Name: Dianthus barbatus

Common Name: Sweet William

Type of Plant: dicot: biennial Character biennial

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sturdy upright to spreading plant; dense juvenile foliage

topped by cymes of pink, red or rose flowers - margins of petals are serrated

Height 6" - 24" Spread 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers a light, fast-draining soil; amend well

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves juvenile leaves lanceolate to 3" long, glabrous, fleshy;

adult foliage sparse, small (to 1" long), lanceolate to linear

Flowers dense clusters of white, pink, rose, red or purplish

flowers - 4 petals, to 3/4" across; not fragrant

Fruit 4-valved capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: border plant, in warm sunny beds, in color pots - good in

rock gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering keep slightly dry

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly

Pruning pinch off dead flowers

Pests/Diseases rust, fusarium wilt (don't plant two years in succession)

Special Conditions hybrids available

Origin: S. Europe Family: Caryophyllaceae