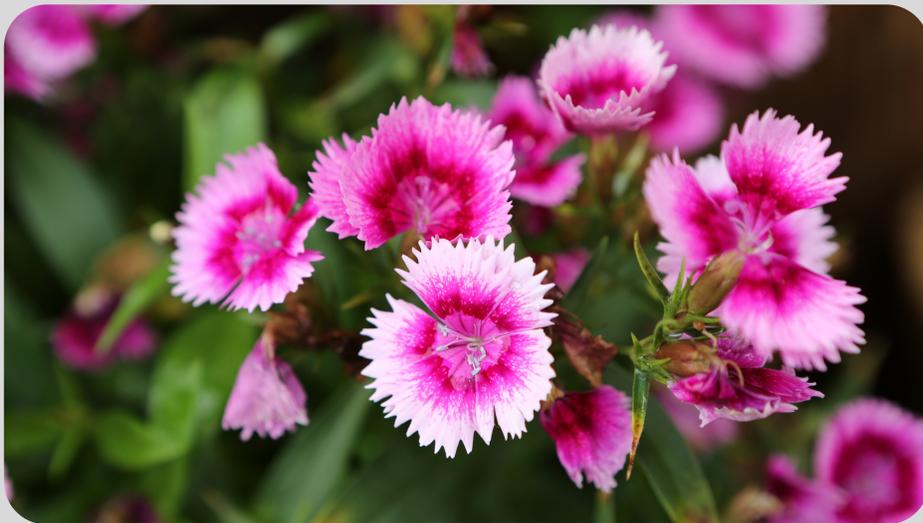




DIANTHUS



FACTS

Grow Zone: 3 - 8

Family: Caryophyllaceae

Genus: Dianthus

Native To: Europe, Asia, North & South Africa

Mature Height: 6" - 24"

Mature Width: 4" - 18"

Type: Herbaceous perennial or biennial

Growth Habit: Low, mounding ground-cover, flowers bloom singly on tall, upright stems

Foliage: Opposite, simple, linear, thin & grass-like, green to silvery green-blue

Flowers: Fragrant, blooms early spring through summer, with double or semi-double petals & softly serrated edges, found in pinks, reds, yellows, purples, creams, or bi-color.

Propagation: Cuttings, seeds

Why We Love Dianthus:

Dianthus flowers have many common names, but the common name 'Pinks' comes from both color and the way they look like nature trimmed them with a pair of pinking shears! Fragrant with a spicy aroma, these low-growing perennials are loved by hummingbirds & butterflies, and are mildly deer resistant.

LIGHT

Full sun to partial sun.

Prefers over 6 hours of sun ideally.

WATER

Water when the top 2 inches of soil is dry.

Needs well-draining soil. Do not over water.

SOIL

Loamy, neutral to alkaline, very well-draining soil.

Fertilize, if needed, with 14-14-14 (or organic 3-4-5) slow-release fertilizer every 6 to 8 weeks, from early spring to late summer.

FYI: A few varieties are self-seeding: dead-heading is highly recommended to prevent spread & encourage reblooming. While leaves are not edible, the petals can be sometimes.

INTERESTING VARIETIES:

- D. caryophyllus (Carnations)
- D. plumarius (Pinks)
- D. barbatus (Sweet William)
- D. superbus 'Kahori Pink'
- D. deltoides 'Arctic Fire'
- D. caryophyllus Oscar® 'Cherry + Velvet'
- D. gratianopolitanus 'Firewitch'
- D. caryophyllus 'Odessa® Pierrot'
- D. × allwoodii 'Frosty Fire'
- Dianthus x 'Neon Star'
- D. alpinus
- D. chinensis

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