

**Early Bird™ Sherbet Pinks***Dianthus 'Wp08 Nik03'*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Border Pinks, Cheddar Pinks

Group/Class: Early Bird Series

**Description:**

Striking bright pink double flowers look like miniature carnations; rising above mounds of fine foliage; great for flower arrangements; deadhead to rebloom; pair up with summer blooming perennials and annuals to time a continued flower display

**Ornamental Features**

Early Bird Sherbet Pinks is draped in stunning fragrant pink frilly flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive grassy leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Early Bird Sherbet Pinks is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Early Bird Sherbet Pinks is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



*Early Bird Sherbet Pinks flowers*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

### **Planting & Growing**

Early Bird Sherbet Pinks will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.