



Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift

Armeria juniperifolia

Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 4 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Spanish Thrift, Sea Pink

Description:

Lovely hot pink flowers on wiry stems, projecting from unique tufts of juniper-like needles; fine textured foliage and drought tolerance make this an excellent addition to rock gardens and xeriscapes

Ornamental Features

Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift has masses of beautiful balls of pink flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tiny needle-like leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift is a dense 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, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies 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.

Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift flowers
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Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Juniper-Leaved Sea Thrift will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.