

**Fruit Punch® Black Cherry Frost Pinks***Dianthus 'Black Cherry Frost'*

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Border Pinks, Cheddar Pinks

Group/Class: Fruit Punch Series

Description:

Awesome flowers are velvety red with fine, serrated, near white edges, above mounds of silvery blue foliage; great for flower arrangements; deadhead to re-bloom; pair up with summer blooming perennials and annuals to time a continued display

Ornamental Features

Fruit Punch Black Cherry Frost Pinks has masses of beautiful lightly-scented semi-double red frilly flowers with creamy white edges at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour with hints of silvery blue throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Fruit Punch Black Cherry Frost 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.

Fruit Punch Black Cherry Frost Pinks is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Fruit Punch Black Cherry Frost Pinks flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Planting & Growing

Fruit Punch Black Cherry Frost Pinks will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 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.