

**Brilliant Maiden Pinks***Dianthus deltoides 'Brilliant'*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 3a



Brilliant Maiden Pinks flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

Vigorous and free flowering, this selection features lovely frilly cherry red flowers, spreading across a low growing mat of green foliage; drought tolerant and easy to grow, ideal for rock gardens, borders or used as groundcover

Ornamental Features

Brilliant Maiden Pinks has masses of beautiful lightly-scented cherry red frilly flowers with a crimson ring 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 dark green in colour throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Brilliant Maiden 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Brilliant Maiden Pinks is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Brilliant Maiden Pinks will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 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 5 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.