



# Babyface Garden Phlox Phlox x arendsii 'Babyface'

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Summer Phlox, Baby Face Phlox

## **Description:**

This stunning variety produces sweetly fragrant pink blooms with sizable rosy-red eyes from mid to late summer; attracts butterflies and make excellent cut flowers



Babyface Garden Phlox flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Babyface Garden Phlox features bold fragrant conical pink star-shaped flowers with rose eyes at the ends of the stems from mid summer to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Babyface Garden Phlox is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

Disease

Babyface Garden Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



### **Planting & Growing**

Babyface Garden Phlox will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.