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## **Coconut Surprise Pinks** Dianthus 'WP05Yves'

Plant Height: 6 inches Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: 0

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Border Pinks, Cheddar Pinks

### **Description:**

Spicy-scented, double white flowers with burgundy centers bloom abundantly on short sturdy stalks. Compact, evergreen plant with dense mounds of grey green foliage. Butterflies love this one. Perfect cut flower.

#### **Ornamental Features**

Coconut Surprise Pinks is smothered in stunning fragrant double white frilly flowers with burgundy centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive narrow leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Coconut Surprise 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 high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Coconut Surprise Pinks is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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

### **Planting & Growing**

Coconut Surprise Pinks will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 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 6 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 evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Coconut Surprise Pinks is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.