



## **Phloxstar™ Magenta Annual Phlox** - New For 2024!

***Phlox drummondii 'Phloxstar Magenta'***

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ☐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Phloxstar Series

### **Description:**

A compact, heat loving selection, presenting mounds of intense magenta blooms from spring into summer; great for mixed borders, edging, mass planting, or containers

### **Ornamental Features**

Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox is covered in stunning fuchsia star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its small narrow leaves remain light green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox in bloom*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox will grow to be about 12 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 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Phloxstar Magenta Annual Phlox is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers 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.