# Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart

***Dicentra spectabilis 'Stuart Boothman'***



*Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 32 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

**Description:**

A dwarf and spreading variety with delicate and pedulous clusters of rich pink flowers in late spring, over ferny blue-green foliage that is delicate and finely cut; a beautiful garden accent

**Ornamental Features**

Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart features delicate nodding pink heart-shaped flowers dangling from the stems from late spring to early summer. Its ferny compound leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart is an herbaceous perennial 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 be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Stuart Boothman Bleeding Heart will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.