Caswell Pink Eye Phlox

Phlox nivalis var. hentzii 'Caswell Pink Eye'



Caswell Pink Eye Phlox flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Hentz's Phlox, Thrift, Creeping Phlox, Pine Phlox

Description:

This amazing variety features stunning hot pink flowers with dark rose eyes, in early to late spring; extremely fast growing and attracts butterflies; a great, low-growing groundcover for poor soils or containers; quite vigorous, and will choke out weeds

Ornamental Features

Caswell Pink Eye Phlox is smothered in stunning lightly-scented hot pink star-shaped flowers with rose eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. Its tiny needle-like leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Caswell Pink Eye Phlox is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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;

- Spreading

Caswell Pink Eye Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Caswell Pink Eye Phlox will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast 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 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species. 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.