Pinball™ Purple Globe Amaranth

Gomphrena globosa 'Pinball Purple'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Bachelor's Button

Group/Class: Pinball Series

Description:

A lovely heat and drought tolerant variety great for adding color and height to garden beds and containers; vibrant purple blooms appear over dark green foliage from early summer to first frost; an excellent addition to fresh or dried flower arrangements

Ornamental Features

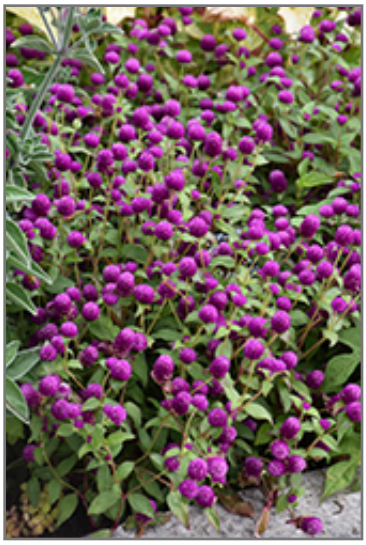
Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth has masses of beautiful purple ball-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 1 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 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Pinball Purple Globe Amaranth is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.