# Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo

***Indigofera amblyantha***

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Pinkflower, Indigo, Indigofera

**Description:**

Graceful, upright racemes of pink pea-shaped flowers make a showy display in summer; compound foliage adds a nice texture to the landscape; will die back to the ground in colder climates, but will re-sprout from the roots



*Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo features showy racemes of pink pea-like flowers with rose overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

**Landscape Attributes**

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



*Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo in bloom*
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**Planting & Growing**

Pink Flowered Chinese Indigo will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.