Montrose Tricolor Phlox

Phlox divaricata 'Montrose Tricolor'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Woodland Phlox

Description:

A wonderful woodland phlox with small lance shaped leaves edged in white that have a pink tinge in spring; attractive and fragrant lavender blue flowers cover the plant in early summer; not prone to mildew and grows best in slightly dry conditions



Montrose Tricolor Phlox flowers
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Montrose Tricolor Phlox foliage
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Ornamental Features

Montrose Tricolor Phlox is smothered in stunning lightly-scented lavender star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its attractive narrow leaves emerge pink in spring, turning green in color with distinctive white edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Montrose Tricolor Phlox is a dense 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Montrose Tricolor Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Montrose Tricolor Phlox will grow to be about 10 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 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 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 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 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.