



Dianthus Raspberry Surprise

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This compact, long-blooming, hardy *Dianthus*, bred by John Whetman, has exceptional habit, forming dense, blue green mounds of foliage. When in bloom, Raspberry Surprise is smothered with fragrant, double, pink blossoms with a burgundy red center. While other *Dianthus* can be floppy, this one has flower stems that are short and sturdy. *PlantHaven*.

USES

Raspberry Surprise produces a gorgeous, uniform gallon crop due to its great habit, vigor and abundant flowering. It performs well in rockeries, containers and the front of the border.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Grow in full sun and fast-draining soil, and allow to dry thoroughly between waterings.
- Plants prefer cool conditions, so avoid transplanting in hot, humid weather.
- Use preventive fungicides for common *Dianthus* diseases such as *Alternaria*, *Pythium* and *Fusarium*, as well as preventive sprays for mites, thrips and aphids during warm weather.
- Plant in spring, if desired, since this cultivar fills out quickly.
- Growth regulators should not be required.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 6"/10"
- Spread: 12"
- Bloom time: May–Oct
- USDA Zone: 4(-30°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- 4" from 128-cell liner: 4–5 weeks from spring transplant
- 4" from 128-cell liner: 26 weeks from early fall transplant
- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 8 weeks from spring transplant
- Gallon from 128-cell liner: 28–32 weeks from early fall transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
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