

Phlox – Moss Pink

In the many species of the Phlox family, *P. subulata* is one tough cookie. This low growing perennial ground cover is perfect for your rock gardens or the drier leaner areas of the garden. Unlike its taller thirstier cousin, it likes leaner soil, and uses less water. It will cover its self with blossoms in white, pinks or lavender pink, providing quite a show. It looks stunning, billowing over a rock wall or creeping over rocks.

Size: 6” high and 1 ½ foot wide

Exposure: Full sun.

How to Plant: Plant from containers in well drained soil.

Pruning: Cut back after bloom.

Water needs: Moderate watering.

Soil: Phlox likes loose, not so rich soil.

Fertilize: Phlox does not require much fertilizing.

Snapshot: Most of the Phlox families are native to the U.S. *Phlox subulata* grows in a mat like fashion with creeping stems. The stems have small needle like leaves that can be a bit scratchy. They grow good in zones 1-17, so they are really versatile and tough. *P. subulata* blooms in late spring or early summer and has small $\frac{3}{4}$ inch flowers. The flowers have a simple 5 petal shape and some hybrids have striped petals. Phlox is perfect for those hard to grow areas where other plants don't thrive.



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