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Pink Giant Chives

Allium schoenoprasum 'Pink Giant'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Giant Flowered Chives, Common Chives

Description:

This is a large flowered variety of common chives; mound of grassy powder blue foliage with big pink balls of color rising above in late spring; flowers and leaves are edible; great in containers or along borders



Pink Giant Chives flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Pink Giant Chives has masses of beautiful balls of lightly-scented pink flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its fragrant grassy leaves remain powder blue in color throughout the season.



Pink Giant Chives in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Pink Giant Chives is an open herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive
- Self-Seeding

Pink Giant Chives is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Pink Giant Chives will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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. 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.

Pink Giant Chives 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.