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Plant Height: 8 inches
Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Other Names: Hummingbird Mint

## **Description:**

This variety produces a mid-sized mound of large flower spikes bearing long blooming, light pink blooms that cover the plant; strong, compact form is great in borders and containers; for the best performance plant in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun



Pink Pearl Hyssop flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Ornamental Features**

Pink Pearl Hyssop is covered in stunning spikes of lightly-scented shell pink tubular flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Pink Pearl Hyssop 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 relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pink Pearl Hyssop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting



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## **Planting & Growing**

Pink Pearl Hyssop will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 6 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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 Pearl Hyssop is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.