East Bay Nursery

Island Pink Yarrow

Achillea millefolium 'Island Pink'



Island Pink Yarrow flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

Dainty umbels of rich, bright pink blooms that slowly fade to shades of soft pink and cream, with all shades showing at once; best with full sun on coast, or with some shade inland; perfect for beds, border fronts, and containers

Ornamental Features

Island Pink Yarrow features showy lightly-scented pink flat-top flowers with shell pink overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Island Pink Yarrow is an herbaceous evergreen 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 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Island Pink Yarrow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Island Pink Yarrow will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. As a rule, this plant should never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Island Pink Yarrow 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 and foliage 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.