

Plant Name: Armeria sea thrift
Common Name: Sea Pink, Common Thrift

Plant Type: Herbaceous Perennial
Colour: Pink White/Near White
Height: 10-15cm
Spread: 22-30cm

Flowering Time: Flowers from Mar to May



Species Data (applies to all plants in this Plant Species)

No Species data defined for this species

Plant Data (applies to THIS plant only)

Description of Thrift - Armeria

Thrift is a dwarf evergreen that has small white or pink flowers. The Armeria plant itself is rosette like in nature, with stems bolting out, which carry the sphere shaped flowers.

Thrift is a very salt tolerant plant and can therefore be grown at seaside locations, and it makes an ideal rockery plant wherever it is grown.

How to grow Thrift - Armeria

If you intend to sow Armeria seeds outdoors, they should be sowed on the surface and lightly covered with soil in the early spring or early autumn. If you prefer to grow seedlings indoor then seeds should be prepared about ten weeks before they are due to be put out (early spring). Seeds should first be imbibed by soaking in warm water for 8 hours, then grown in darkness at 16 to 21 degrees Celsius. The plants would normally have germinated after two to three weeks. When the seedlings are ready for transplanting they should be put out at a space of 15 cm for smaller species and 30 cm for larger types. They should be planted in a well drained, slightly sandy soil with a pH of between 5.5 and 7.5.

Caring for Sea pink and thrift

It is easy to look after 'Sea Pink' / thrift, they require a light watering in dry conditions, and should be deadheaded following flowering to prevent seed setting and the spread of thrift. Ideally Armeria should be lightly mulched for protection in the winter with straw.

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Soil Preference: This plant tolerates drought and salt well and will grow in dry soils but prefers soil that is well-drained, loamy, sandy or clay with a neutral pH (7.0)

Light Requirements: Full Sun

Attributes: Is known as one of the easiest grown perennials. Good for container plantings, the rock garden, border, or as a ground cover.

Pests: none known

Diseases: Blight and root rot if kept moist

Good Companion Plants: Basket-of-Gold, Blue-Eyed Grass, Hardy Geranium, Dwarf Iris, Lamb's Ear, Lavender, Rock Cress, Rock Soapwort

Care: Deadheading will prolong flowering.

Dividing should be done in early spring to rejuvenate plant. Plant may rot in center if soil is poorly drained. DO NOT FERTILIZE!

Height: 6-12 in. (15-30 cm)

Spacing: 9-12 in. (22-30 cm)

Sun Exposure: Full Sun

Danger:

All parts of plant are poisonous if ingested

Plant has spines or sharp edges; use extreme caution when handling

Pollen may cause allergic reaction

Bloom Color: Pink White/Near White

Bloom Time: Mid Spring Late Spring/Early Summer

Foliage: Smooth-Textured Shiny/Glossy-Textured

Other details:

Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping

Average Water Needs; Water regularly; do not overwater

Propagation Methods:

By dividing the rootball

From seed; stratify if sowing indoors