



## Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart

*Dicentra spectabilis*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 1b

Other Names: Common Bleeding Heart

### Description:

Bushy upright mounded selection features blue-green fern-like foliage and arching stems of heart shaped locket flowers with white protruding petals; excellent for shaded borders and beds; beautiful cut flower; goes into summer dormancy

### Ornamental Features

Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart features delicate nodding pink heart-shaped flowers with white tips dangling from the stems from late spring to early summer. Its ferny compound leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart flowers*  
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*Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart in bloom*  
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## Planting & Growing

Old Fashioned Pink Bleeding Heart will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.