

Whetman® Dianthus Early Bird™ Series

D. Chili ('WP10 SAB06' PPAF), **D. Fizzy** ('WP08 VER03 USPP 21394), **D. Frosty** ('WP10 VEN06' PPAF),
D. Radiance ('WP08 MAR05' PPAF), **D. Sherbet** ('WP08 NIKI03' USPP 21418).

Key Features

- ✓ Standout early season fragrant double blooms.
- ✓ Repeat blooming.
- ✓ Unique compact habit, ideal for early season planters.

Characteristics

Genus & Species:	<i>Dianthus hybrida</i>
Protection Status:	PPAF. COPF Open.
USDA Zone:	USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).
Bloom:	Early season wonderfully fragrant double blooms. Repeat blooming.
Bloom Period:	Early season – fall.
Foliage:	Glaucous, blue green foliage.
Habit:	Compact mounding habit 6" x 4".
Propagation:	Tip Cuttings. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
Culture:	Full sun, well-drained soil.
Additional Comments:	No vernalization required for blooming. Flower stems are sturdy and do not flop. Dead headed and fed regularly to encourage fast repeat blooming. Attracts bees and butterflies.
Uses:	Containers, Borders, Mass Landscape Planting.

Approximate Finishing Time

4.5"- Quarts: 8-10 weeks from a 128 plug (spring planting).

Closest Variety: D. Garden Spice® Series **Key Differences:** ✓ **Early Bird Series** Zone 5 hardy **vs.** Zone 6 hardy.
 ✓ **Early Bird Series** glaucous foliage **vs.** green-glaucous foliage.
 ✓ **Early Bird** no vernalization **vs.** vernalization required.

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