

WhetmanPinks **Star™ ‘Neon Star’**

**Key Features**

- ✓ Iridescent cerise blooms. Repeat blooming.
- ✓ Glaucous foliage with unique dense mounding habit.
- ✓ No vernalization required for blooming.

**Characteristics**

<b>Genus &amp; Species:</b>	<i>Dianthus hybrida</i>
<b>Protection Status:</b>	PP 14,549; COPF Open.
<b>USDA Zone:</b>	USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).
<b>Bloom:</b>	Amazing iridescent cerise blooms, carried on sturdy stems. Repeat blooming.
<b>Bloom Period:</b>	Spring – fall.
<b>Foliage:</b>	Glaucous, blue green foliage.
<b>Habit:</b>	Compact mounding habit 6" x 6".
<b>Propagation:</b>	Tip Cuttings. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
<b>Culture:</b>	Full sun, well-drained soil.
<b>Additional Comments:</b>	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.
<b>Uses:</b>	Containers, Borders, Mass Landscape Planting, Cut Flower.

**Approximate Finishing Time**

<b>4.5" - Quarts:</b>	<b>6-8 weeks</b> from a 128 plug (spring planting).
<b>6" - Gallons:</b>	<b>8-10 weeks</b> from a 128 plug (spring planting).

<b>Closest Variety:</b> <i>D. Garden Spice® Series</i>	<b>Key Differences:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ‘Neon Star’ Zone 5 hardy <b>vs.</b> Zone 6 hardy.</li> <li>✓ ‘Neon Star’ glaucous foliage <b>vs.</b> green-glaucous foliage.</li> <li>✓ ‘Neon Star’ <u>no</u> vernalization required <b>vs.</b> vernalization.</li> </ul>
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PlantHaven Disclaimer: These Grower Notes are based on our experience with this crop. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. Where fertilizer & chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the manufacturer’s instructions & practice careful trialing methods.  
Note: All PlantHaven varieties are subject to patent protection: unlicensed propagation prohibited.

