

WhetmanPinks  **Star™ Eastern Star** ("Red Dwarf")

Key Features

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

Characteristics

Genus & Species:	<i>Dianthus hybrida</i>
Protection Status:	PP 14,437; COPF Open.
USDA Zone:	USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).
Bloom:	Red single blooms, with a maroon eye and a shower of white stamens, carried on sturdy stems. Repeat blooming.
Bloom Period:	Spring – fall.
Foliage:	Glaucous, blue green foliage.
Habit:	Compact mounding habit 6" x 6".
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, Cut Flower.

Approximate Finishing Time

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

Closest Variety: <i>D. Garden Spice® Series</i>	Key Differences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eastern Star Zone 5 hardy vs. Zone 6 hardy. ✓ Eastern Star glaucous foliage vs. green-glaucous foliage. ✓ Eastern Star <u>no</u> vernalization required vs. vernalization.
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