

WhetmanPinks **Star™ Shooting Star** ('Devon Starling')

**Key Features**

- ✓ Light purple double blooms. Repeat blooming.
- ✓ Glaucous foliage with unique dense mounding habit.
- ✓ No vernalization required for blooming.

**Characteristics**

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| <b>Genus &amp; Species:</b> | <i>Dianthus hybrida</i>  |
| <b>Protection Status:</b>   | PP 16,431; COPF Open.  |
| <b>USDA Zone:</b>           | USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).   |
| <b>Bloom:</b>               | Light purple double blooms with red freckles in the center, 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**

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| <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). |

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