

SWEET WILLIAM *DIANTHUS BARBATUS*

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

1 - 2' high, 0.5 – 1' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Medium

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 3-9

Description

Dianthus barbatus, also known as Sweet William, is an herbaceous perennial that is normally short-lived and most gardeners treat it as an annual purchasing plants from local nurseries to plant in the fall for an early spring bloom. It is a low growing flowering plant performing best in full sun to part sun (although it prefers some afternoon shade in hot climates) in soil with good drainage. It blooms May to first frost with red, pink, white and bicolor small flowers grown in clusters. *Dianthus barbatus* will reseed itself in the garden and last for years and prompt deadheading is required to promote perennial traits. It is used in both gardens and containers and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds while being deer resistant. It is susceptible to crown rot and rust in poor drainage and may also attract snails and slugs.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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