

# Garden Notes

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## Predator Mosquito

No one likes a mosquito around, but there is a beneficial mosquito that may be in your garden. The Elephant mosquito feeds on nectar, honeydew, or fruit as an adult so no annoying bites for blood. The larvae eat other water breeding flies and pest mosquitos.



## Insecticidal Soap

You might be tempted to make your own soap pesticide but homemade products can injure plants. Soaps and detergents are not labeled for plants and ingredients are not as mild as the formulated Insecticidal soap. You might save money initially but could injure or kill your plant.



## Garden Phlox

For over 25 years, the Garden phlox, *Phlox paniculata*, has been a reliable warm-season perennial in our demonstration garden. This old fashioned pass-a-long plant is as low maintenance as a plant can be. It offers magenta blooms that top 2.5 tall stems. Over the years, its location has changed from full sun to dappled shade and the plants adjusted fine. The clump has increased in size to a couple of feet wide. It receives water from rain and during droughts through irrigation. Plants are mulched and the soil is well drained.