

# Pincushion Flower

## *Scabiosa columbaria* 'Pink Mist'

This *Scabiosa columbaria* is considered a short lived perennial which means it will live and provide flowers for about 2 to 3 years. 'Pink Mist' has pincushion-like pink flowers with a hint of lavender that are borne atop wiry stems. It has a very long blooming season lasting from late spring until fall. Pincushion flower needs regular weekly watering or more often in extreme heat. It must have well-drained soil to thrive.

**Type:** herbaceous perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 9

**Uses:** cut flowers; border; edging; mass planting; attracts butterflies; attracts hummingbirds; hanging basket

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Height:** 1 to 2 feet      **Spread:** 1 to 2 feet

**Plant spacing:** 15 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun

**Soil tolerances:** acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

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