Lindley's Nursery and Garden Center

Pink Quill

Tillandsia cyanea



Pink Quill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10b

Description:

This variety is an epiphyte, which means it is a plant that grows upon another and nourishes itself through rain and dew in the air; a tall bract rises from a cluster of leaves, and turns vivid pink just before the violet flowers emerge; mist frequently

Planting & Growing

This plant is native to the tropics and prefers growing in moist environments with evenly warm conditions all year round. In our climate, it is usually grown as an outdoor annual in the garden or in a container. If you want it to survive the winter, it can be brought in to the house and provided with special care, and then returned to the garden the following season. In its preferred tropical habitat, it can grow to be around 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. However, when grown as an annual or when overwintered indoors, it can be expected to perform differently, and its exact height and spread will depend on many factors; you may wish to consult with our experts as to how it might perform in your specific application and growing conditions.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Pink Quill is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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