

Plant "Imagination"



Phlox paniculata 'Bright Eyes'

This garden phlox 'Bright Eyes' has very large flower heads that are pale pink with a very prominent hot-pink eye-zone. A very reliable and long blooming variety - Bright Eyes begins blooming in late spring and stays in color right up until the cool weather of fall sets in. The butterflies have to share this Phlox with the humming birds - both are attracted to the very fragrant blossoms. Bright Eyes has resistance to powdery mildew.

Plant in full sun and provide a rich well drained soil. Fertilize in early spring with a top dressing of compost and bone meal. Liquid feed with compost tea or fish emulsion just as buds begin to form in midsummer. Or, if you are a low maintenance gardener like me do nothing but watch it grow. Remove spent flower heads to prolong flowering. Keep plants well watered during hot dry spells. Want to see? Visit the MWGS (Minnesota Water Garden Society) garden at the State Fair -- it is near the front and just left of the pond.