

Siberian Pink Cups

Baldellia ranunculoides f. repens



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Siberian pink cups is a low growing bog plant with half-inch very light pink dainty flowers. It is a summer bloomer that likes full to part sun. Wiry-looking stems hold many three-petaled blooms above clumps of dark green slender leaves, giving the plant an airy appearance.

It spreads by plantlets that form on the branches and by seeds. New plants are easily started with the plantlets. Hardy in zone 5 and up, pink cups can be wintered inside under lights or in a sunny window in colder zones. I bury mine in the garden with other marginally hardy plants or protect under bags of leaves.

Suggested uses for Siberian pink cups are in container water gardens, an edging plant around a pond or along a waterfall stream. Since it is not considered hardy in Minnesota, new plantings would be

needed each season in the last two locations. These new plants could be started indoors over the winter and be ready for spring planting.



Siberian pink cups (*Baldellia ranunculoides* f. *repens*), at the edge of a container water garden.

I use this delicate plant in container water gardens, planting in a five-inch azalea pot in good top soil with a little fertilizer. Adding a piece of a fertilizer tablet a couple times during the summer keeps it looking good. I top dress the pot with pea gravel and place in the container so the top is just above the water's surface. Siberian pink cups attracts some of the small native bees. I see these little pollinators visiting the blooms early in the morning on my walk around the yard sipping my first cup of coffee.