

Garden Phlox

Phlox paniculata

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–8

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

2–4 ft

DEER

Vulnerable

ORIGIN

North American native

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Cultivar selection is the single most important decision for garden phlox. Mildew-resistant cultivars like 'David' (white), 'Laura' (pink), and 'Robert Poore' (pink) will give you clean foliage through the season; susceptible cultivars will look diseased by August regardless of what you do. Full sun and good air circulation are necessary even for resistant types. Divide every 3–4 years to maintain vigor.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/phlox-care/>