

## Moss Phlox 'Purple Beauty' (*Phlox subulata*)

4-6" x 1-2', spreading dense creeping carpet.

Native New York south. Found in somewhat dry, rocky, or sandy soils, open woodlands, slopes.

Abundant starry flowers, each with 5 notched lavender-purple petals, with a contrasting violet-purple ring at its center. Flowers cover plant in April/May, about 4 weeks.

Vigorous spreading mats of 1/2" emerald-green needle-like leaves, semi-evergreen to evergreen.

Sun. Moist to average well-drained soil, sandy moist soil ideal, tolerates poor and dry soil; a bit of lime when planting is appreciated. Trim back after flowering for good form. Ironclad constitution.

Spectacular in bloom when massed. Use for ground cover, edging, slopes, over walls, fronts of borders, rock gardens, drifts around spring bulbs.

Can be naturalized in lawns, but wait 2-3 weeks after blooming to mow, with mower at highest height setting.

Erosion control. Deer resistant.

Attracts hummingbirds, Skipper Butterflies.

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