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Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross

Lychnis chalconica 'Dusky Salmon'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 32 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 2a



Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross has masses of beautiful clusters of salmon star-shaped flowers with tan overtones at the ends of the stems in early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Dusky Salmon Maltese Cross will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!



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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.