

# Pink Balloon Flower



## *Platycodon grandiflorus* 'Astra Pink'

- **Use:** Balloon Flowers are summer-blooming cousins to the more familiar Bellflowers. This selection forms a compact mound of green foliage, bearing inflated buds that open into star-shaped semi-double violet-blue blossoms. The small habit of this variety makes it a good choice for rock gardens and mixed containers. Division is seldom necessary, and not always very successful because of the carrot-like root.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun (but must be 5-6 hours of afternoon sun) . Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Grows 8-10” tall and 6-8” wide.
- **Hardiness:** 3-9;Perennial
- **Foliage:** Evergreen if brought indoors in winter
- **Flower:** This heavy bloomer has very large double blue flowers that begin in the shape of a balloon before opening, hence it's name.

**Gorgeous  
pink balloon  
flowers and  
deer resistant!**