

# Ballerina Sea Thrift/ Sea Pinks



Well suited to rock gardens and dry stream beds. Perfect size for pots and troughs.



## *Armeria* sp. 'Ballerina Series'

- **Use:** With larger, longer-lasting flowers than the more familiar *A. maritima* cultivars, this Thrift is a low-maintenance pleasure for sunny to lightly shaded gardens. Winner of the 2009 Fleuroselect Gold Medal award, Ballerina Series is gloriously colorful and productive. Its blooms make long-lasting cuts, and really stand out in the sun-soaked garden. The foliage is evergreen on compact plants, perfect for edging as well as the front of the border.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full to part sun. This plant tolerates drought and salt well and will grow in dry soils but prefers soil that is well-drained, loamy, sandy or clay with a neutral pH (7.0) so add a little lime and sand to our clay soils. Division should be performed in early spring and is necessary to rejuvenate the plant. Do not fertilize.
- **Growth:** Fast growing to 12"-14" tall, and round.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9 perennial. Very easy to grow!
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen. Creates a dome of green, blade-like leaves.
- **Flower:** The 1-inch pompons of bright colors make stellar fresh or dried cut-flowers, and if deadheaded promptly after its heavy spring bloom, this plant will repeat intermittently all summer.

