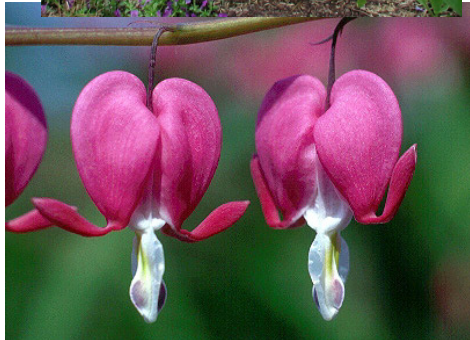


Pink Bleeding Heart



Shade
loving
perennial.
Great for
woodland
gardens.



Dicentra spectabilis

- **Use:** The old-fashioned Bleeding Heart has been a garden favorite for years. It bears long arching racemes of heart-shaped pink flowers. Inter-plant with Ferns and Hostas to fill the breach. Long-lived and reliable year after year. Easy to grow, it looks great planted en masse as a ground-cover at the front of a shady border or as part of a cottage garden scheme. In their natural habitat they are found in moist soils in the cool margins of woodlands. Deer resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. Dicentras are happy in any good garden soil that is fertile but not too heavy. If you have clay soil it must be amended. Enrich the soil with plenty of leaf mould before planting and apply a mulch in autumn, too. A light fertilizing in March will help enormously.
- **Growth:** Grows 24-30" tall and 15" wide.
- **Hardiness:** 5-9; Perennial. Plants often go dormant in mid-summer.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The blue-green, fern-like foliage forms a soft mound, and is a lovely foil to other plants.
- **Flower:** Racemes of pink, heart-shaped flowers; the flowers hang on arching stems in early spring.