

Summer King Strawberry Foxglove



Digitalis x mertonensis 'Summer King'

- **Use:** This hybrid perennial foxglove originated in 1926. A winning hybrid of pink *D. purpurea* and yellow *D. grandiflora*, 'Summer King' has ample spikes of crushed strawberry red flowers, a neat, compact form, and handsome foliage. Many foxglove species are a reliably good source of nectar for bumblebees, especially long-tongued bumblebees. Not for human or animal consumption.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun– part shade, very easy to please. Provide acidic (most GA soil already is), well-drained, moist soil, but not soggy. Use a slow release fertilizer.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly 3' tall or more and 18" wide. At flowering time, plants may need to be staked.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Reseeding biennial/ perennial; Make sure that heavy mulch is removed around the plants to allow seeds to drop and sprout.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Plants form a low rosette of coarse, hairy leaves in the first year, bursting into flower the second spring, then setting seed and usually dying.
- **Flower:** Spikes are densely packed with large bells in a stunning crushed strawberry shade.



Large trumpets call to hummingbirds in spring and summer.

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