Short & Sweet Catchfly



A great US native substitute for Dianthus, this Silene has a similar appearance and bloom time, but tolerates a wider variety of garden situations. Silene 'Short and Sweet' is a fantastic plant for naturalizing, yet it can hold its own as a specimen in a container or patio garden as well.

Silene caroliniana var. wherryi 'Short and Sweet'

- <u>Use:</u> Delightful, compact, and easy to grow, Silene caroliniana is an excellent choice for bright shade or full sun. It is covered in deep pink flowers in late spring. Very reliable for us through wet and dry seasons for three years now and in a cool spring it seems to bloom forever. Native to the eastern United States from Florida to New Hampshire and west to Ohio and Kentucky and down to Alabama.
 - <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Prefers partial sun, but may grow in full sun if on an irrigation system. Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Keep soil moist watering under leaves and flowers for best results. Prefers well drained soils.
- Growth: Grows 6-8" tall and 10-12" wide.
- Hardiness: Zone 3-9 Perennial.
- Foliage: Deciduous. Purple tinged foliage.
- **Flower:** Pink flowers bloom for months. Through early summer with clusters of deep pink flowers held above the foliage.

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