



# Champion Pink Canterbury Bells Campanula 'Champion Pink'

Plant Height: 18 inches Flower Height: 32 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Other Names: Bellflower

#### **Description:**

An upright biennial, featuring a profusion of large, bell shaped pink flowers in late spring to mid -summer; allow to self-seed for future years; cutting back may encourage re-blooming; perfect for beds and borders; an excellent, long lasting cut flower

### **Ornamental Features**

Champion Pink Canterbury Bells features airy spikes of hot pink bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small pointy leaves remain forest green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Champion Pink Canterbury Bells is an herbaceous biennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Champion Pink Canterbury Bells flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Champion Pink Canterbury Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

## **Planting & Growing**

Champion Pink Canterbury Bells will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 32 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Champion Pink Canterbury Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.