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Tall Phlox, Short Phlox, Red Phlox, Blue Phlox...

There are so many varieties of Phlox today it is hard to know which one to choose. With over 67 species, the choices can be overwhelming. For the sake of this article we will break it down to short, medium, tall.



Phlox subulata 'Snowflake'

Did you know that Phlox subulata (creeping phlox) is the most widely grown plant in commerce? It's true, I read it on the internet. Subulata is the shortest of the three with a height of 4-6" and a spread of 2 feet. Blanketing banks and borders, it's showy flowers last weeks in the spring while the needle-like foliage provides months of green interest. Plant in well-drained soil and full sun to keep the shape compact and their roots from rotting out. Check out our availability in white, red, blue, and pink!

If your location has more shade than sun, a great choice is Phlox divaricata. Upright and spreading, it is of medium height, about 10" tall. Native to zones 4-7, you can expect showy fragrant flowers in the spring right after your native bulbs.



Phlox divaricata 'Blue Moon'

Stemming from the woodland species, divaricata is semi-evergreen, the foliage dying back as summer plants come into bloom. It is a good choice for borders, rock gardens and wooded slopes. Also perfect for transitional plantings when planted with ferns, pulmonaria, or aquilegia. Plant in a shady or filtered sun location in rich, moist, humusy soil. Often called Woodland Phlox, Wild Blue Phlox, or Sweet William Phlox, divaricata is low maintenance and readily multiplies. Available in 'Parksville Pink' and 'Blue Moon'.

Commonly known as Garden Phlox, Phlox paniculata is the most popular for tall phlox. Available in a large array of colors, and hundreds of hybrids, grown mostly to be mildew and disease free. The tallest of all phlox, this is a good choice for middle or back of your garden. Easy to care for, they like full sun, will tolerate partial shade, and prefer good soil and regular watering. Divide every 2-3 years for good circulation and to minimize mildew. Good for pairing with daylilies, achillea, and other summer blooming perennials. Readily available is Phlox 'David' with other varieties coming soon.

Phlox has a lot to offer many gardens and locations. They attract butterflies, are fragrant, good for cut flowers, low maintenance, and all multiply readily. Check out the perennial lot for all the varieties you are looking for.



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Phlox paniculata 'Red Super'