

Papaver orientale 'Mrs. Perry' Mrs. Perry Poppy

Papaver orientale 'Mrs. Perry' (Mrs. Perry Poppy) is an elegant plant and its salmon-pink color stands out from the more common red-blooming poppies. Swirling around coal-black centers, the silky pink petals gracefully dance on the top of long stalks while the fern-like, gray-green leaves unfurl below, serving as a perfect backdrop. Crepe paper-like petals are artfully crinkled and quiver in a late spring breeze. Blooms appear from June to July and provide pollen resources for bees. Flowers reach 2.5-3' tall on bare stems. Decorative seed pods swell at each spent flower, extending the interest of this ephemeral beauty. This sun lover can also tolerate part shade, and appreciates well-drained soil and good air circulation. Plants are drought and deer tolerant, but sensitive to heat and will go dormant in summer. Plants resent over watering while dormant. Pair with early spring bulbs and late summer plants that will fill the gaps when poppies fade.

Botanical Name: Papaver orientale 'Mrs. Perry'

Common Name: Mrs. Perry Poppy

Family: Papaveraceae

Nativity: Not Native to US

USDA Zone: 3 to 7

Light Type: Full Sun, Part Shade

Soil Type: Loam, Sand, Clay

Soil Preferences: Tolerates a range of soil but must be well-drained

Soil Moisture: Moist

Typical height (ft): 2.5-3'

Typical width (ft): 1-2'

Foliage: Gray Green

Bloom Time: June, July

Bloom: Pale pink or salmon pink

Ecological features: Pollen resource for bees

Tolerance of: Drought, deer

Additional notes: New cultivar, limited information, stay tuned

Companion plants: Sage (Salvia spp.), Siberian Iris (Iris Sibirica), Geranium, ornamental grasses

For more information see:

[https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/366382/Papaver-\(Oriental-Group\)-Mrs-Perry/Details](https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/366382/Papaver-(Oriental-Group)-Mrs-Perry/Details)

<https://www.diggingdog.com/plant/P-1995>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/poppy/growing-oriental-poppies.htm>

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Combined with purple flowers



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Flowers and foliage

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