

## Phlox paniculata 'Laura' Laura Garden Phlox

Phlox paniculata 'Laura' (Laura Garden Phlox) features showy, fragrant blooming clusters that bring a burst of fuschia to the summer garden. From July through September, robust clusters of 5-petaled blooms (6-8" wide) appear atop each upright stem, 3-4' tall at full height. Stems are adorned with medium-green, elliptic, opposite leaves. Each flower is ¾" across and bright purple-fuschia in color with white, starry accents in the center. The fragrant, tubular flowers offer a wealth of nectar for long-tongued pollinators, including butterflies, hummingbirds, and some native bees. Garden Phlox is a staple of the perennial border, mixing well with other perennials and providing a consistent long summer bloom. This plant requires moist, well-drained soil although it will tolerate some clay if amended with rich compost. Phlox can be challenging to grow as it is drought intolerant, browsed by herbivores, susceptible to powdery mildew, and may need staking to support the ornate flower clusters.

**Botanical Name:** Phlox paniculata 'Laura'

**Common Name:** Laura Garden Phlox

**Family:** Polemoniaceae

**Nativity:** Great Lakes Native

**USDA Zone:** 4 to 8

**Light Type:** Full Sun to Part Shade

**Soil Type:** Loam

**Soil Preferences:** Prefers rich, organic soils

**Soil Moisture:** Moist

**Typical height (ft):** 3-4'

**Typical width (ft):** 1.5-2'

**Foliage:** Medium Green

**Bloom Time:** July, August, September

**Bloom:** Purple, pink with white center accents

**Ecological features:** Nectar attracts long-tongued bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds

**Tolerance of:** Powdery-mildew, Clay Soil, Black Walnut, Salt

**Additional notes:** Fragrant flower, good for cutting; long-blooming, ornate flower clusters; can be challenging to grow, susceptible to mildew, herbivore browse, drought-intolerant, and may need staking

**Companion plants:** Flat-topped White Aster (*Aster umbellatus*), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium fistulosum*), Greater Tickseed (*Coreopsis major*), Dense Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*), Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *fulgida*), Switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*)

**For more information see:**

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=255965&isprofile=0&>

<https://www.whiteflowerfarm.com/36064-product.html>

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/perennials/phlox/phlox-laura>

<https://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/plant/Phlox-paniculata-Laura>

### Images of Phlox paniculata 'Laura'



Phlox paniculata Laura 3zz.jpg  
flower close-up



Phlox paniculata Laura\_1.jpg  
plant form - multiple blooms with leaves



Phlox paniculata Laura\_2.jpg  
summer leaves



Phlox paniculata Laura\_3.jpg  
Plant form

**Image choices for narrative of cultivar 'Laura':**

Phlox paniculata Laura\_1.jpg  
plant form - multiple blooms with leaves

**Images of Phlox paniculata 'Sweet Laura'**



Flowers of the cultivar Sweet Laura

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