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# **Miss Lingard Phlox** Phlox carolina 'Miss Lingard'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: O D

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Carolina Phlox, Wedding Phlox

# **Description:**

Lance-shaped leaves adorn this North American native pholx; flowers are snowy white and clustered in medium sized heads; remove faded blooms to encourage re-blooming; may need staking; resistant to mildew



Miss Lingard Phlox flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Ornamental Features**

Miss Lingard Phlox is covered in stunning clusters of fragrant white round flowers with buttery yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. Its narrow leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the year.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Miss Lingard Phlox is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Miss Lingard Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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## **Planting & Growing**

Miss Lingard Phlox will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Miss Lingard Phlox 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.