

Gaura (Gaura lindheimeri)



Native Range: Texas

Sun/Shade: Full sun to part-shade.

Flowers: Pink or white on cascading stems in spring and fall.

Landscape Use: This Hill Country native is a perennial roadside wild flower. It makes an attractive low cascading, elegant, colorful, bush that is dependable and more substantial than some other delicate wild-flowers, and looks interesting even when not in bloom.

Container Use: Very nice cascading over lower color in pots. **Size:** The lower foliage gets up to one foot tall while the airy flower stems may reach 2 ½ feet high and wide.

Type: Perennial that returns faithfully after freezing weather in spring. **Deer**

Resistance: Not enough information.

Butterflies: Butterflies love it.

Drought Tolerance: Very drought tolerant but looks best with occasional watering.

Soil: Not particular about soil as long as it drains well and does not remain constantly wet. Does well in rocky soil or even better with soil enhancement.

Water: Smart Watering Principle=Water well when first planted then allow to dry slightly, without wilting, then water deeply again, etc. Easy Watering Principle=Water every day the first week; every second day the second week; every third day the third week; every fourth day the fourth week; every fifth day the fifth week. A soaking rainfall should last for about two weeks worth of watering. Do not keep constantly wet.

Fertilizer: Looks even better with regular fertilization.

Maintenance Tips: Cut off old flower stems to the base foliage to keep it blooming and tidy. Can let this plant go natural, and it will still give an elegant look to the landscape.

Rating: Rates high as a landscape plant.