

Whetman Pinks **Early Bird™ Sherbet** ('WP08 NIKI03')

**Key Features**

- ✓ Standout early season fragrant double blooms.
- ✓ Repeat blooming.
- ✓ Unique compact habit, ideal for early season planters.

**Characteristics**

<b>Genus &amp; Species:</b>	<i>Dianthus hybrida</i>
<b>Protection Status:</b>	PP 21,418. COPF Open.
<b>USDA Zone:</b>	USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).
<b>Bloom:</b>	Early season wonderfully fragrant large double blooms, magenta in color carried on sturdy stems. Repeat blooming.
<b>Bloom Period:</b>	Early season – Fall.
<b>Foliage:</b>	Glaucous, blue green foliage.
<b>Habit:</b>	Compact mounding habit 6" x 4".
<b>Propagation:</b>	Tip Cuttings. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
<b>Culture:</b>	Full sun, well-drained soil.
<b>Additional Comments:</b>	No vernalization required for blooming. Flower stems are sturdy and do not flop. Dead headed and fed regularly to encourage fast repeat blooming. Attracts bees and butterflies.
<b>Uses:</b>	Containers, Borders, Mass Landscape Planting.

**Approximate Finishing Time**

**4.5"- Quarts:** 8-10 weeks from a 128 plug (spring planting).

<b>Closest Variety:</b> <i>D. Garden Spice® Series</i>	<b>Key Differences:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Sherbert</b> Zone 5 hardy <b>vs.</b> Zone 6 hardy.</li> <li>✓ <b>Sherbert</b> glaucous foliage <b>vs.</b> green-glaucous foliage.</li> <li>✓ <b>Sherbert</b> <u>no</u> vernalization <b>vs.</b> vernalization required.</li> </ul>
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