



# Early Bird™ Radiance ('WP08 MAR05')

## Key Features

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

## Characteristics

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| <b>Genus &amp; Species:</b> | <i>Dianthus hybrida</i>  |
| <b>Protection Status:</b>   | U.S. Plant Patent #21824. COPF Open.   |
| <b>USDA Zone:</b>           | USDA Zone 5. (-20°F or -28°C).   |
| <b>Bloom:</b>               | Early season wonderfully fragrant double blooms. Crimson red 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).

**Closest Variety:** *D. Garden Spice*® Series

**Key Differences:**

- ☺ **Radiance** Zone 5 hardy **vs.** Zone 6 hardy.
- ☺ **Radiance** glaucous foliage **vs.** green-glaucous foliage.
- ☺ **Radiance** no vernalization **vs.** vernalization required.

PlantHaven Disclaimer: These Grower Notes are based on our experience with this crop. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. Where fertilizer & chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the manufacturer's instructions & practice careful trialing methods.

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