

## *Silene caroliniana*

Carolina Campion, Wild Pink



Evergreen perennial with dense tufts of hairy, medium green, spoon-shaped basal leaves and lance-shaped stem leaves, up to 3" long. Summer borne, pink, Dianthus-like flowers, to 1" wide, are held in showy, rounded corymbs. This delicate plant is easy to grow and is at home in the woodland or rock garden and should be placed where it can be appreciated. Native to central and eastern North America, it is an excellent substitute for Dianthus.

*Silene caroliniana* prefers full sun, part shade or shade, though blooms are less numerous in shade. Soil should have average to good drainage and not be wet for extended periods. Though often found in limestone outcrops, *S. caroliniana* is not particular about pH.

Wild Pink is fragrant, the flowers are long-lasting and attractive to hummingbirds.

Height: 4" to 10"      Spread: to 6"