

## Deptford pink

### *Dianthus armeria*

#### Description

Considered endangered in the UK and introduced to the United States as an ornamental for gardens.

#### Habit

Erect, herbaceous annual or biennial plant growing 8-24 inches tall, delicate.

#### Leaves

Up to 3 inches long and 1/8 inch wide, opposite, sessile, linear, pubescent, entire, acute to obtuse.

#### Stems

Green, slender, and stiff, mostly hairless except at the leaf nodes and near the flowers.

#### Flowers

Pink in color, 5-parted, 1/2 inches wide, toothed petals with white spots; hairy, inflorescence with 3-5 flowers in a tight, branched cluster (cyme); blooms July-August.

#### Fruits and Seeds





Each seed is orbicular or rein form and flattened with small bumps across the surface.

### **Habitat**

Native to Europe. Found in disturbed sites such as open woods, roadsides, railroads, waste ground, pastures, and fields.

### **Reproduction**

Spreads by seed. The root system consists of a slender taproot.

### **Similar**

Maiden pink (*Dianthus deltoides*)

### **Monitoring and Rapid Response**

Manual hand-pulling.

### **Credits**

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