



# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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<b>Botanical Name</b>	<i>Ixora taiwanensis</i>
<b>Common Name</b>	Dwarf Ixora Pink
<b>Mature Size</b>	2 Feet
<b>Bloom Color</b>	Medium pastel pink
<b>Bloom Period</b>	Spring to Winter
<b>Boom Form</b>	Small Star Shaped Floret
<b>Water</b>	Moderate
<b>Light</b>	Best In Full Sun
<b>USDA Zone</b>	10 & South
<b>Fragrance</b>	None
<b>Uses</b>	Hedge, Mixed Perennial
<b>Special Features</b>	Small Compact Size



*Ixoras* are medium-sized tropical flowering shrubs that are very popular in tropical and semi tropical landscapes. There are more than 400 species of *ixora* that are mostly native to Asia and China. The number of these species currently in wide landscape use is small, and is mostly made up of hybrid crosses.

**Dwarf Taiwanese Pink** is a somewhat lower and slower grower than the other Taiwanese cultivars, but is a prolific warm season bloom with bountiful clusters of showy flowers in multiple shades of clear, soft pastel, medium pink.

The leaves are tiny, lance shaped and grow very densely on a small compact bush that will mature at no more than about 2 feet tall.

Taiwanensis *Ixoras* make a great low growing hedge row, accent, or additions to sculpted, layered beds or mixed perennials and can also be grown as a potted plants indefinitely. The Dwarf Pink *Ixora* is especially well suited for permanent potted culture. However, it more sensitive to cold temperatures than others and should be maintained well above 40°F at all times for the best year round appearance, earliest bloom and longest life.

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants is not recommended, so for the best results with your new plant, we recommend it be repotted and allowed to grow larger before setting out in the landscape within the recommended USDA Zone range.

When the new pot has filled with roots and the plant is larger, then here a few hints for successful growing in the landscape. can be grown as a potted plant indefinitely.

- Plant in fertile well draining, slightly acidic soil. Amend with high quality organic material as needed.
- Locate in full sun to very lightly dappled shade. (*Ixoras* need the full spectrum of light to produce flowers).
- Provide supplemental irrigation.
- Feed a good quality, slow release, bloom boosting fertilize with the initial planting and twice yearly in the early Spring and early Fall thereafter.
- Supplement with a water soluble plant food in between feeding.
- Prune lightly and often when young to encourage branching and after flowering to promote uniform shape and control size.
- Protect from frost and freeze.

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## **Care of Your New Ixora Plant**

Here are a few basic guidelines for handling and caring for your new Gardenia plant:

Direct planting of 4 inch starter size plants directly into the landscape is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new plant we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately unpack, remove the wrappings and shipping gel and discard the gell.
- Re-pot the new plant into a 6 inch to 10 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media. Ixoras prefer a slightly acid media.
- Apply a high quality, slow release plant food according to the label directions. A product formulated for acid loving plants is preferable. Do not use hot, all chemical fertilizes like 6-6-6 or 10-10-10.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun until it grows large enough to plant.
- Maintain consistent and uniform moisture in the soil. Take care not to over water.
- Packing crystals may be reused to conserve water, but do so with caution as they hold 6000 times their weight in water.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day.
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food (such as Miracle Grow) every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often after flowering between July and September, when the plant is young and actively growing to strengthen the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape. Note: Pruning in the Fall will decrease number of flowers in the Spring.
- Monitor for signs of disease, insects or nutritional deficiencies and treat accordingly.
- Protect from frost and freeze until well established.

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