

# Culture Sheet: *Technical Information for Growers*

**Name:** *Phlox stolonifera*, *Phlox divaricata*      **Common name:** woodland phlox, creeping phlox

## Scheduling Information

**Available sizes:** 72, LP32

**Sales Window:** fall-spring

<b>Plug size</b>	72	LP32
<b>Finish size</b>	1 qt	Trade 1gal
<b>Weeks to finish</b>	6-8	10-12
<b>When to plant</b>	Mid-late summer	Summer-fall

## Growing on to Finish

<b>Media:</b>	Professional potting media
<b>pH:</b>	5.8-6.2
<b>Irrigation:</b>	Do not keep plants wet. Allow them to dry slightly between waterings but do not allow them to wilt. Irrigate plants early in the day so the foliage is dry before nightfall to prevent disease. Best performance with slightly less than average watering practices.
<b>Fertilizer:</b>	Best performance with light to moderate fertility levels of 75 to 125 ppm continuous feed or 150-200 ppm as needed.
<b>Light:</b>	Full light in spring, but cool temperatures.
<b>Temperature:</b>	Growing: 60-65F Holding: 40-50F
<b>Pest &amp; Disease:</b>	Aphids, spider mites, stem and bulb nematodes and whiteflies. Botrytis, colletotrichum, downy mildew, fusarium, phytophthora, rhizoctonia and powdery mildew.
<b>Vernalization:</b>	Flowers best with 6-8 weeks of cold.
<b>Pinching:</b>	Pinch plug plants a couple weeks after planting.

### Grower Tips:

- Wide, shallow growing container (mum pan) is best for creeping phlox due to its spreading habit and shallow root system
- To overwinter: requires 12 weeks to bulk before receiving cool treatment. Best planted in late summer. Place plants either in a cool greenhouse (above freezing) with good light levels and air circulation or plant around April 1st and place directly outside under white, breathable row cover. Water right through fabric as needed. Remove fabric when flower buds appear. It may be necessary to cover plants again in the event of a frost.

Disclaimer: Cultural information is provided as a guide only. North Creek Nurseries does not guarantee the exact results, as growth and finish times may vary depending upon your location, climate, cultural practices and other influences. Always check manufacturers' labels for approved rates and usage instructions when applying fertilizer or other chemicals.

Sources: Walter's Gardens, Ball RedBook



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