



## Latinia Rose Cyclamen

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 2-9, 14-24,	High light, but no direct sunlight, will burn	Best in fairly rich, porous soil with lots of humus	Regular watering, when flowering soil should remain moist	Bright crimson, red, salmon, purple, pink, and white fragrant flowers	6-12 inches tall

Most of us have at one time or another enjoyed the beautiful Cyclamen plant indoors during the winter season. This wonderful flowering bulb loves a cool to cold room and once the flowers begin in October, they will continue well into March. A cousin from the Mediterranean is now available to plant in the garden this spring for late summer and fall flowers. Its name is Cyclamen neapolitanum and is very free flowering in the garden. The leaves are heart shape and attractive with unusual variegation on them. The plant will grow 6 inches tall and about 12 inches wide. The flowers develop on strong stems 8 to 10 inches tall. The flower resembles a tiny butterfly two tone pink in color with the flower petals pointing up. The foliage is evergreen during the winter but does die back in the heat of summer to return with new foliage in the late summer and flowers. The plant is ideal to naturalize in shaded areas like a wooded tree grove, in rock gardens, or at the base of large evergreens. Plant in groups for special effects and it will give you the appearance of a ground cover. The bulb will do very well under pine trees and is able to survive with the tree roots. Plant the Cyclamen in the garden after you have condition the soil with peat moss, compost, and animal manure. When planting set the bulb 3 inches deep and space bulbs 12 inches apart. Feed with super phosphate fertilizer each spring to encourage a showy flowering period in the fall.