

**Botanical Name:** *Calliandra eriophylla*

**Common Name:** Pink Fairy Duster



**Family:** Fabaceae

**Native Distribution:** S California native to W Texas

**Plant Size:** 1-3' tall, 3-4' wide, moderate to slow-growing sub-shrub, evergreen

**Flowers:** Pink 2" flowering balls, formed by the long pink filaments of 20 or more stamens emerging from small clustered flowers from February to May

**Foliage:** 1.5" long, ½" wide ferny leaflets

**Site Preferences:** Full sun

**Landscape Uses:** Use as informal hedge, in medians, in cactus and rock gardens, and to attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

**Other Stuff:**

- May drop leaflets in response to cold or drought.
- Dehiscent pods with thickened margins, opening explosively from the tip to the base, ejecting the seeds several yards away.
- No watering needed when established, but it looks better with some water
- Best in rocky/gravelly soils.
- Little to no maintenance.
- Beware of mealy bugs and mites.
- Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, and quail eat its seeds.