

**Common Name-** Rose Campion

**Scientific Name-** *Lychnis Coronaria*

**Family-** Caryophyllaceae

**Hardiness Zones/Habitat-** Zones 3-8

### **Description:**

Rose Campions are perennial and biennial flowers that have been grown in many gardens for the past 2,000 years. There are approximately 20 different species. Originally from the southwestern part of Europe and has grown in the Americas since 1596. Rose Campions like temperate climates and are short-lived. These plants cannot survive harsh winters. However, it does self-seed for easy planting. Rose Campion have vividly-colored flowers that can be in shades of graduate blends of white to dark magenta. They have wooly, mullen leaves that are 5 inches long and elliptical in shape. Plants can reach 30 inches tall with flowers that have 5 petals. Multitudes of black seeds are produced in a peanut-sized capsule. Good garden soil with full sun is needed in order to grow well. These flowers are located on the West Lawn of Monticello.

### **Uses:**

**Medicinal-** Greek physician Dioscorides advised for a treatment for bites from scorpions by soaking the seeds in wine and placing on the bite.

**General-** Plant leaves were wound together to use as a wick for oil lamps. Making garlands for athletic champions.



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