Summer Phlox ‘Purple Flame’  
(*Phlox paniculata*)

‘Purple Flame’ is a 1.5’-2.5’ x 1.5-2’ compact bushy upright mound.

Native New York south, the species is found in rich open woods, thickets, fertile bottomlands, meadows, by streambanks.

Profuse and large densely arranged pyramidal clusters, up to 6” long, of mildly fragrant, rich violet-purple to purple-rose 1/2'-1” flowers with a small darker purple eye, atop stiff upright stems. 60-80% flower coverage over plant. Blooming mid-summer from July into September.

4-6”-long narrow lance-shaped leaves.

Sun to light shade, prefers sun.  
Moist to average well-drained moderately fertile soil, prefers rich moist organic soil, good air circulation (thin the plants out occasionally), and a layer of mulch or compost in the spring. Likes water during dry spells, Remove spent flowers for re-bloom.  
Mildew resistance, low susceptibility to spider mites. It will thrive with bi-monthly fertilizing and consistant moisture levels. Overhead watering should be avoided.

Phloxes are the backbone of late summer flower borders. Excellent long-lasting cut flowers. Suited to the fronts or middle of borders, cottage gardens, courtyard gardens, and containers.

Attracts butterflies, including Swallowtails and Fritillaries, and moths, including Hummingbird Moths and Sphinx Moths.  
Attracts bees.  
Attracts hummingbirds.

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