This spiked beauty claimed victory in North America’s trial sites to become the first ever AAS Winner from Japanese breeding company Murakami Seed. The judges gave this entry high marks in the greenhouse for the good branching, almost bushy growth habit and early-to-bloom flower spikes.

In the garden, Asian Garden celosia continued to bloom on sturdy stems, keeping the bright pink color all summer long, holding up even through some of the first frosts of the season. The AAS Judges commented on the fact that this celosia was a pollinator-magnet, making this AAS Winner a sure bet for pollinator-friendly gardens.

**AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Celosia argentea*  
**Common name:** Celosia  
**Flower color:** Pink  
**Foliage color:** Green with pink veins  
**Flower size:** 1-2 inch spikes  
**Plant height:** 30-40 inches  
**Plant type:** Annual  
**Garden location:** Full sun  
**Garden spacing:** 12-15 inches  
**Closest comparisons on market:** Flamingo