

Botanical Name: Geranium maderense

Common Name: Madeiran cranesbill

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Geraniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape coarse textured, large scale geranium with finely divided, broad leaves on a thick upright stem topped by a large spray of pink flowers

Height to 4 ft. Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors moist shady conditions preferred

Soil prefers a soil with organic matter and good drainage

Hardiness some frost: zones 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves Large, palmatifid leaves to 8" across, finely lobed and toothed; the largest leaves of any geranium

Flowers terminal cluster of hundreds of pink, trumpet-shaped flowers packed densely together into a rounded mass - very showy

Fruit small capsule; seeds heavily, then plant dies

Propagation: seed

Usage: dramatic show of unusual foliage and heavy flowering display  
used in shade gardens; very theatrical - can be used in woodland shade areas

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering - treat as a tropical plant

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning pinch off wilting foliage at base of plant to keep neat

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other plant may grow for two or three years before blooming

Origin: Madeira; Canary Islands