

Botanical Name: Pelargonium sidoides

Common Name: No common name

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Geraniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Rounded, mounding, spreading plant with silvery foliage and deep purplish flowers held above foliage

Height to 1 ft. Spread to 18" Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates any well-drained soil; benefits from organic amend.

Hardiness Some frost - Zones 8,9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves simple palmate leaves on long petioles, blade is peltate with an overall cordate shape to 1-1/2" across gray tomentose beneath

Flowers umbels of small, cerise flowers to 1/2" across; umbels are somewhat sparse but intensely colored

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: low facer used for flower display and intensely contrasting foliage; us in perennial beds, mixed with shrubs and temperate climate plants, also attractive in containers

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, not especially drought tolerant

Fertilizing little needed; use balanced, slow release if required

Pruning dead head frequently

Pests/Diseases aphids, tobacco budworm

Other _____

Origin: South Africa