

Botanical Name: Pelargonium odoratissimum

Common Name: Apple-scented geranium

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Geraniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape multi-branched, rounded plant with scalloped, rounded leaves
and small white flowers held above the foliage

Height to 18" Spread to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil required good drainage

Hardiness some frost (zones 8,9 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves simple palmate leaves with a reniform shape to 2" long on long
petioles; margins finely crenate and scalloped with a silvery edge

Flowers terminal umbels of fine white flowers to 1/4" across; maroon
spots located on two of the five petals

Fruit small capsule with a pronounced 'beak'

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: grown for aromatic foliage in scented gardens, in containers
or mixed with other perennials; also used in herb gardens and medicinal gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering; becomes more drought tolerant with
age

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning pinch regularly to induce bushiness

Pests/Diseases tobacco budworm, aphids, spider mites

Other sometimes listed as P. odoratissimum 'Apple'

Origin: South Africa