

Botanical Name: Erodium reichardii

Common Name: Cranesbill

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, tufting groundcover with a low, spreading form--tiny
pink flowers are held above foliage

Height 3-6" Spread 10-12" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil needs a well-drained soil

Hardiness some frost (zones 7-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves round-ovate, to 3/8" across, more or less cordate,
crenate margins on long petioles

Flowers pink to lavender with rose veins--1/2" across 5-lobed--
solitary

Fruit 5-celled long-beaked carpel

Propagation: division of clumps

Usage: good small-scale groundcover, rock garden filler, container
groundcover. Slow to establish, sometimes planted with other low groundcovers
(Isotoma, Solierolia, Herniaria)

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering--increased watering required in
hot sunny areas

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning pinch off dead flowers

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Mediterranean islands Family: Geraniaceae