

Botanical Name: Geranium macrorrhizum

Common Name: Cranesbill

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, spreading, trailing perennial with upright foliage and
pink flowers held near leaves; fills to form a solid mat which can choke out
small plants and resists weed growth

Height 8-10" Spread 3-4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves 5 to 7 lobed, palmately divided leaves to 2" across,
fragrant (pungent) and turning bronzy-red in fall and winter

Flowers magenta flowers solitary or in small clusters, 1/2" across
usually held only slightly above foliage; blooms spring through fall

Fruit long pointed capsule resembling a bird's beak

Propagation: division, stem cuttings

Usage: attractive groundcover used for flowers and foliage, fall
color adds extra interest; good in fairly small scale areas, can invade other
plants if not contained

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; not especially drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning control size and deadhead regularly to prolong bloom

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: Europe Family: Geraniaceae