

Botanical Name: Pelargonium graveolens

Common Name: Rose Geranium

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape erect to somewhat sprawling with ascending-spreading,
fleshy stems; forms a loose, open mound habit

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal + Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full/partial sun

Soil prefers well draining soil

Hardiness some frost, best in mild climates: zones 8,9, 12-14, 17-24

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, somewhat incised into 3-5 lobes,
green blades having a distinctly lemon odor, 2"-3" across, 2"-4" long petioles

Flowers pink-lilac, 1/2" across, pedicels joined at base into head-
like rounded cymes - nearly year round

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: softwood/semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: low facer or informal border, container plant - for its
distinctive aromatic foliage

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak after established, avoid excessive
water

Fertilizing balanced, 2-3 times a year - more if container grown

Pruning pinch back frequently to develop a bushier form

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs, tobacco budworm

Special Conditions

Origin: S. Africa Family: Geraniaceae