

Botanical Name: Bergenia crassifolia

Common Name: Winter-blooming bergenia

Type of Plant: dicot; perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, spreading habit, foliage arising from fleshy
rootstocks (rhizomes) -- produces low clumps of large fleshy leaves

Height 12" Spread 2-6' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun (full sun near the coast)

Soil prefers loam -- tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy -- prefers cool habitats (zones 1-9, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves palmate/pinnate, whorled-opposite, oval-obovate, 5-10"
long, somewhat serrate-undulate, blades dark green, shiny, fleshy

Flowers pinkish/rose, bisexual, stalked 12-18" panicles -- flowers
1/2" diameter -- January through April

Fruit 1/8" capsule

Propagation: division of clumps

Usage: low facer/border plant -- foliage texture in shaded areas
small area ground cover -- for tropical, woodsy, rustic, or informal
landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular -- tolerates some drought in shaded areas

Fertilizing balanced in spring -- iron for chlorosis

Pruning occasionally thin out old clumps

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, root rot in poorly drained soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Mongolia Family: Saxifragaceae