

Botanical Name: Pelargonium cordifolium

Common Name: Heart-leaved pelargonium

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Geraniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Upright to rounded plant with bold, heart-shaped leaves and  
prolonged blooming season featuring pinkish purple flowers

Height to 4 ft. Spread to 4 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates nearly any soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy; zones 8,9, 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves cordate fuzzy leaves with a dull gray-green color; margins  
somewhat lobed and coarsely toothed

Flowers terminal clusters of 1" diameter flowers; upper petals larger  
than lower three petals; petals are pink to purple with darker striping

Fruit typical geranium capsule with pronounced "beak"

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: excellent source of color in borders and beds; prolonged  
bloom and attractive foliage make this a choice plant in cottage style and  
mixed perennial gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering; tolerates brief drought

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release fertilizer in spring

Pruning dead-head and pinch frequently to encourage a dense form

Pests/Diseases tobacco budworm, aphids, whiteflies, spider mites

Other

Origin: South Africa