

Botanical Name: Pelargonium hortorum

Common Name: Common geranium

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape compact, shrubby plant with thick fleshy stems; becomes
woody with age

Height 3' - 4' Spread 3' - 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred, will grow in partial shade

Soil well-drained, slightly acidic soil preferred

Hardiness some frost (zones 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves simple palmate, opposite, rounded, 2"-4" diameter, usually
soft, pubescent and strongly scented; sometimes zoned with dark green, brown,
pink or white

Flowers terminal umbels of brightly colored trumpet-shaped flowers,
red, pink, white; spring through summer

Fruit small woody capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: good in warm sunny beds, in containers, works well with

Mediterranean or Spanish style landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers deep, infrequent waterings; well-established plants
are extremely drought-tolerant

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in early spring

Pruning head back hard in early spring

Pests/Diseases tobacco budworm

Special Conditions blooms best when potbound

Origin: hybrid Family: Geraniaceae