Pelargonium graveolens

(Rose Geranium, Sweet scented geranium)

Pelargonium graveolens is a shrub native to South Africa, thus it has high heat and drought tolerance. The plant has showy white, and pink flowers and lemony scented leaves. It is also considered a herb and is used in edible landscapes; since its leaves and flowers are used in flavouring food.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: pélargonium à forte odeur Pronounciation: pe-lar-GO-nee-um grav-ee-

OH-lens

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Southern Africa, South Africa

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,

13

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Border Plant, Container, Edible

Size/Shape

Tree Shape: Round, oval Height at Maturity: 1 to 1.5 m Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Palmate

Leaf Persistance: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Star
Leaf Margins: Serrate
Leaf Textures: Medium

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green, Variegated Color(changing season): Green, Variegated

Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Umbel

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant Flower Color: White, Pink Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a

strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Edible Parts: Leaf

Pests: Flies

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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