Heartleaf Geranium

Pelargonium cordifolium



Heartleaf Geranium flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This variety is a spreading, branched, aromatic shrub with a main stem that is woody at the base and herbaceous side branches; very attractive orchid-like flowers emerge in late winter and continue through mid-summer



Heartleaf Geranium in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Heartleaf Geranium features delicate clusters of lavender orchid-like flowers with deep purple veins at the ends of the branches from late winter to early summer. Its serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with curious grayish green undersides throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Heartleaf Geranium is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Heartleaf Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Heartleaf Geranium will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.