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SCENTED GERANIUMS

Perennial
Pelargonium spp.
Family: Geraniaceae



DESCRIPTION
Generally called Scented Pelargoniums, they are grown mostly for their decorative and scented leaves. Nearly all are perennial. The flowers are smaller than the decorative and commonly known zonal Pelargoniums. The leaves, when crushed or bruised, are very aromatic.



CULTIVATION
Store pot plants in a protected area and plant in a warm position when frosts are over. Plant far enough apart to allow air to circulate and sun to reach them all. Larger plants need at least 1 metre between plants. Being green leafy plants they will respond well to organic fertilizers which are high in nitrogen (ie to promote leaf growth) such as Blood & Bone and Compost. Be careful not to overwater.



USES
The leaves are used to flavour desserts, custards, jellies, cakes and herbal teas. For cakes, place the leaf flavour required, ie peppermint or spice, in the bottom of the cake tin and remove when cooked. The scent will permeate the cake. For jellies, boil leaves in syrup, and gelatine if required, for approximately 5 minutes, then strain over any fruit. The Lemon Geranium is sometimes called the 'finger bowl geranium' as it is used in bowls of water to clean and refresh the hands when eating. Use the dried leaves for potpourri.

Pelargonium Apple *P. odoratissimum*
Small, rounded, grey-green, soft apple scented leaves on long stalks. Tiny white flowers with pink lines on upper petals. Grows as a rosettes, about 15 cm high.
Pelargonium 'Candy Dancer'
P. denticulatum
Rose scent. 60 cm.
Pelargonium Chocolate Mint
Velvety leaves similar to Peppermint but with purple steaks. Tantalizing chocolate mint fragrant. Used in potpourris, perfumes and for flavoring preserves.
Pelargonium Cinnamon *P. gratum*
Spicy scented leaves. 60 cm.
Pelargonium Coconut *P. grossularioides*
Small, rounded, dark green leaves with reddish stems and strong coconut scent. Tiny cyclamen coloured flowers. Grows as a rosette but spreads widely, good for hanging baskets.
Pelargonium 'Endsleigh' *P. x graveolens*
A semi-prostrate form. Leaves soft and frilly with deep purple maroon markings. Fine scented. 60 cm
Pelargonium Ginger *P. torento*
Similar to Lime P. but a distinctive gingery fragrance.
Pelargonium 'Grape Leaf' *P. vitifolium*
Large leaf palmate form. Very strong scent.
Pelargonium 'Lady Plymouth' Grey American *P. graveolens*
A grey tinged leaf form of Lady Plymouth.
Pelargonium Lemon *P. limoneum*
Wavy green leaves with toothed edges and refreshing lemon scent. Pink flowers. Upright growing with a reddish-green main stem. 1m.
Pelargonium Lemon Curled *P. crispum*
Small, wavy green leaves. Pink flowers with reddish stripes on the upper petals, larger than the leaves. 60 cm.

Pelargonium Lemon Curled Variegated *P. c. Variegatum*
Similar to above except for the variegated gold and green leaves. 45 cm.
Pelargonium Lemon-Rose *P. sp.*
Long foliage with sweet rose scent.
Pelargonium Lime *P. nervosum*
Small, green lime scented leaves with sharply-toothed edges growing with short stalks from brownish, soft, woody stems. Lavender flowers.
Pelargonium 'Melissima' *P. melissima (P. (Lemon Balm Geranium)*
Similar fragrance to lemon balm but with a tinge of musk fragrance.
Pelargonium Musk *P. x graveolens*
Musk fragrance.
Pelargonium Nutmeg *P. fragrans*
Rounded, soft, grey-green leaves on long stalks growing from woody stems. Tiny white flowers. Nutmeg or spice scent.
Pelargonium Peppermint *P. tomentosum*
Large, velvety grey peppermint scented leaves on long foot stalks. Tiny white flowers with red lines on the upper petals. Good to cover weed free banks.
Pelargonium 'Prince of Orange' *P. citrosium*
Rose-pink flowers. Rose-citrus scent.
Pelargonium Rose *P. graveolens*
Rose scented leaves. Lovely addition to pot-pourris. 45 cm.
Pelargonium 'Rose of Attar' *P. capitatum*
Herbaceous. Rose scent.
Pelargonium 'Scarlet Pet' *P. sp.*
A splash of brilliant red colour and fragrance to the garden. Looks lovely in posies. 60 cm.
Pelargonium 'Snowflake' *P. graveolens 'Snowflake'*
Rose scented. Variegated foliage like snow drops.
Pelargonium Spice *P. filicifolium*
Spicy fragrance. Leaf is sticky.
Pelargonium Spice Fine *P. filicifolium*
Fine leafed form of Spice.
Pelargonium Tutti Frutti *P. fragrans*
Mixed spice scent.
Pelargonium White Unique *P. sp.*
Sharp & musty fragrance. Upright rigid growth with leaves similar to Lime.



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