Claridge Druce Cranesbill

Geranium x oxonianum 'Claridge Druce'



Claridge Druce Cranesbill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 32 inches

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Pink Cranesbill

Description:

A vigorous mounded selection featuring beautiful rosy-pink flowers with deep pink veins on mounds of gray-green foliage; blooming from late spring through to early fall, excellent in borders and beds; great performance in containers



Claridge Druce Cranesbill in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Claridge Druce Cranesbill has masses of beautiful pink flowers with rose veins at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its deeply cut lobed palmate leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Claridge Druce Cranesbill is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Claridge Druce Cranesbill is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Claridge Druce Cranesbill will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 32 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Claridge Druce Cranesbill is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.