# Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia

***Bergenia cordifolia 'Perfecta'***



*Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Giant Rockfoil, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak

**Description:**

A popular coarse groundcover plant with large, succulent leaves which develop a burgundy cast in fall; showy deep pink to rose flowers in spring; best where its large foliage can be put to good use in the landscape

**Ornamental Features**

Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia features unusual spikes of rose flowers rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive brick red flower buds. Its attractive large succulent heart-shaped leaves are forest green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns gorgeous shades of burgundy and coppery-bronze in the fall. The burgundy stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Perfecta Heartleaf Bergenia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. 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 evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.