Russell Prichard Cranesbill

Geranium x riversleaianum 'Russell Prichard'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Hardy Geranium

Description:

Hardy and vigorous, this selection features low, trailing mounds of deeply lobed green leaves with large, rich magenta flowers; blooms from late spring to early fall; excellent addition to beds, borders and containers, or used as groundcover



Russell Prichard Cranesbill flowers
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Ornamental Features

Russell Prichard Cranesbill has masses of beautiful fuchsia flowers with deep purple 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

Russell Prichard Cranesbill is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Russell Prichard Cranesbill is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Russell Prichard Cranesbill in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Russell Prichard Cranesbill will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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.

Russell Prichard Cranesbill is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.