Silverlight Bergenia

Bergenia 'Silverlight'



Silverlight Bergenia flowers
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Silberlicht, Largeleaf Saxifrage, Pigsqueak

Description:

A low growing, clump-forming selection that requires little maintenance and thrives in shade or sun; masses of silver-white and pink flowers with red centers rise above green foliage in the spring; foliage transforms to a gorgeous burgundy in fall

Ornamental Features

Silverlight Bergenia features unusual panicles of silver flowers with pink overtones and red centers rising above the foliage from early to mid spring. Its attractive large succulent round leaves emerge dark red in spring, turning emerald green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous burgundy in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Silverlight 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.

Silverlight Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Silverlight Bergenia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 performs well in both full sun and full 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 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.