Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium

Pelargonium cordifolium 'Caroline's Citrine'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

This branched sub-shrub has a main stem that is woody at the base; bright yellow to chartreuse leaves with darker centers develop narrow red margins in brighter light; very attractive, purplish pink orchid-like flowers from late winter into summer

Ornamental Features

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium features delicate clusters of fuchsia orchid-like flowers with deep purple veins at the ends of the branches from late winter to early summer. It has attractive yellow foliage edged in brick red with hints of chartreuse which emerges lemon yellow in spring. The serrated heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and remain yellow throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium flowers
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Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium foliage
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Planting & Growing

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.