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Rotblum Heartleaf Bergenia

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Bergenia cordifolia 'Rotblum'



Rotblum Heartleaf Bergenia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

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 red flowers in spring; best where its large foliage can be put to good use in the landscape

Ornamental Features

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

Landscape Attributes

Rotblum 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.

Rotblum Heartleaf Bergenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Rotblum 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.