

Geranium sp.



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Genus: Geranium
Family: Geraniaceae
Order: Geraniales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Generally non-toxic, but can cause mild gastrointestinal upset if ingested in large quantities.
Invasiveness: Some species can be invasive in certain areas.
Plant Type: Herbaceous perennial.
Lifespan: Several years, depending on species and growing conditions.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Ranges from 15 cm to 60 cm, depending on species.
Spread: Typically 30 cm to 60 cm.
Leaf Color: Green, sometimes with red or purple hues.
Bloom Time: Spring to early summer.
Flower Size: 2 to 5 cm in diameter.
Flower Color: Various colors, including pink, purple, blue, and white.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to Europe and North America.

Habitat: Grows in range of environments from woodlands to meadows.

Care:

Difficulty: Generally easy to grow, though care requirements can vary by species.

Toughness: Hardy and adaptable to different conditions.

Maintenance: Low; requires regular deadheading and occasional division.

Watering: Moderate; allow the topsoil to dry out between waterings.

Pruning: Remove spent flowers to encourage new blooms; cut back in fall or early spring if needed.

Propagation: Can be propagated by seeds, cuttings, or division.

Repotting: If grown in pots, repot every 2-3 years or when growth outpaces the container.

Conditions:

Temperature: Generally thrives in temperatures ranging from 10°C to 25°C.

Hardiness Zone: Typically USDA Hardiness Zones 4 to 9, depending on species.

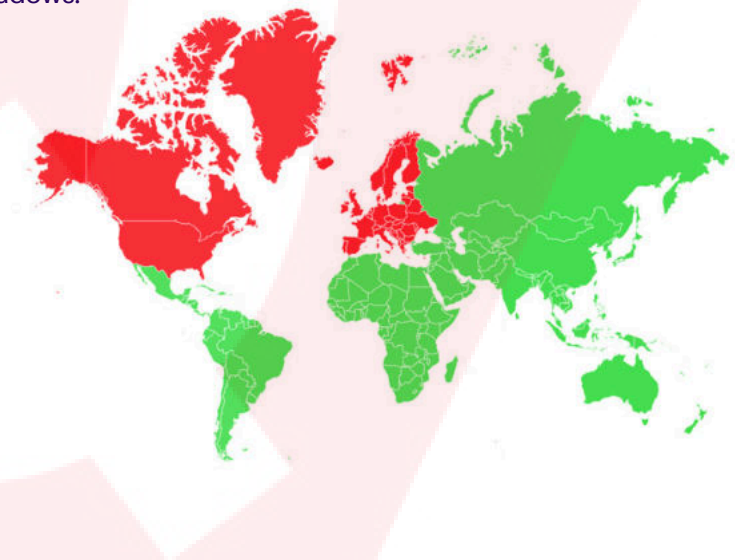
Sun Requirements: Prefers full sun to partial shade.

Soil Type: Well-draining soil; tolerant of a range of soil types, but prefers slightly acidic to neutral pH.

Use: Ornamental gardening, borders, containers and ground cover.

Location: Thrive in full sun to partial shade and prefer well-drained, fertile soil.

Pests and Diseases: Generally resistant, but can be susceptible to aphids, spider mites, and fungal diseases like powdery mildew.



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