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### **Pine Geranium**

*Pelargonium denticulatum*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

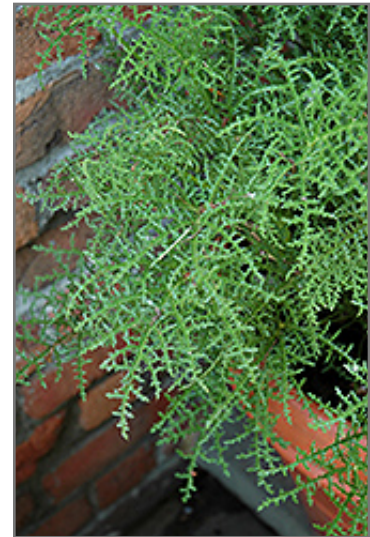
Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Fern-leaf Geranium, Tooth-leaf Geranium

#### **Description:**

This selection is a spreading, branched, aromatic variety with very fine, ferny, balsam scented foliage; dainty lavender-lilac flowers emerge in early spring and continue throughout the growing season; excellent for containers



*Pine Geranium foliage*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Pine Geranium features dainty clusters of lavender flowers with lilac purple overtones and deep purple spots at the ends of the stems from early spring to mid fall. Its fragrant ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Pine Geranium is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pine Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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### Planting & Growing

Pine Geranium will grow to be about 3 feet 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 30 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Pine Geranium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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