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Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium

Pelargonium cordifolium 'Caroline's Citrine'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

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. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves emerge lemon yellow in spring, turning yellow in color with distinctive brick red edges and tinges of chartreuse the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Caroline's Citrine Golden Heartleaf Geranium is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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. 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. 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 is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.