

Caldera Red Geranium



Caldera™ Red Geranium *Pelargonium 'Caldera Red'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Caldera Series



Caldera Red Geranium flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

Vigorous with exceptional heat tolerance, this series features beautiful dark green foliage with vibrant colored blooms; spreading habit is ideal for hanging baskets, containers and borders; deadhead to encourage new blooms throughout the season

Ornamental Features

Caldera Red Geranium features bold balls of lightly-scented red flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose round palmate leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Caldera Red Geranium is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Caldera Red Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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Planting & Growing

Caldera Red Geranium will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Caldera Red Geranium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.