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## Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium



### Reach Out™ Lilac Bicolor Geranium

*Pelargonium 'Reach Out Lilac Bicolor'*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Reach Out Series

#### Description:

Compact habit with trailing tendencies. this series is ideal for patio containers, landscapes and hanging baskets; early to flower, producing an abundant amount of bicolored blooms; an easy to grow selection that requires little maintenance-deadheading

#### Ornamental Features

Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium features bold balls of lightly-scented lilac purple flowers with white overtones and a plum purple flare at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose round palmate leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium flowers*  
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### Planting & Growing

Reach Out Lilac Bicolor Geranium will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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.

Reach Out Lilac Bicolor 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 trailing 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.