



Aylett Nurseries
The Complete Garden Centre

Pelargonium (Geranium)

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Pelargoniums are commonly known as geraniums but should not be confused with plants of the genus Geranium (cranesbill) for our purpose here and so as not to confuse we shall refer to the generally used name of Geranium.

Aylett Nurseries grow 29,000 geraniums all in single pots each year, these are from cuttings taken from virus free Mother plants, many varieties originating from Holland, Switzerland and Germany. We also grow F1 Hybrid varieties available in Ayletts Choice 6 pack. All these can be found in our large display greenhouse from mid-April onwards and is certainly a glorious sight not to be missed. The greenhouse is located behind the shrub information building.

CULTIVATION

While all Geraniums can be grown as indoor pot plants, they are ideally suited as summer bedding, hanging baskets or outdoor containers. When grown indoors they need to be shaded from the hottest sun as this will help to prevent the flowers and foliage from fading. A free draining compost is ideal. Water freely in summer and sparingly in winter. Feed every two weeks in the summer with any good fertilizer.

If growing outside choose a **sunny frost-free site**, with well drained fertile soil. You will reap the benefits from adding a fish, blood & bone fertilizer to the soil as you plant but take care that this is well worked into the soil and does not come into direct contact with the roots. During the flowering season regular dead heading will ensure a long flowering season and a high potash feed mid season, although not essential will pay dividends.

Geraniums grown outdoors need to be lifted before the first of the sharp frosts, they can then be trimmed down by at least one third, potted up and kept in a frost-free situation.

ZONAL GERANIUMS

These are upright in growth and have leaves that are marked with a band or zone, hence the name. Within this group there are varieties with different habits, the stellar varieties have star shaped blooms, with serrated petals, we grow the Firework strain which burst with flowers for a mass of colour.

UPRIGHT ZONAL GERANIUMS

ABELINA – Semi-double bright red flowers. Free flowering.

ALICE – Double. Bright purple with white eye.

ANNE – Semi-double bright pink flowers with cream centres.

ANTHONY – Semi-double scarlet flowers. Compact zoned foliage.

AURORA – Semi-double bright orange flowers. Free flowering.

BERGPALAIS – Semi-double dark salmon pink, very large flowers.

BLANCA – Semi-double white flowers on very dark foliage.

CANDY ROSE – Semi-double pink flowers.

CAROLINE SCHMIDT - Striking bright red double flowers and silver variegated foliage.

CHOCOLATE – Single red flowers on very dark chocolate and green foliage.

CLAUDIA – Semi-double shimmering cerise pink. Very compact growth.

EMILIA – Semi-double flowers the colour of appleblossom.

FLOWER FAIRY BERRY. – Semi-double rosy purple with deeper eye.

FLOWER FAIRY VELVET – Semi-double violet purple flowers with lighter eye.

FOXY – Semi-double purple flowers. Upright bushy habit.

FRANK HEADLY - Salmon pink single flowers. Variegated leaves.

FRIESIA – Semi-double. Bright dark red.

GESA – Semi-double light pink flowers. Very free flowering.

HANNA – Semi-double hot pink flowers.

LARA - Lavender lilac flowers with dark green foliage.

LINUS - Pale pink with a red eye. A very attractive bi-colour.

LISA – Semi-double blooms of deep salmon pink.

LISKE – Semi-double intense scarlet flowers on strongly zoned foliage.

LUDO – Semi-double. Bright coral.

MAGNUS – Semi-double velvet red flowers. Compact habit, free flowering.

MRS. POLLOCK – Synonymous with Robert Fish.

OCCOLD SHIELD – Semi-double orange red flowers, dark bronze/brown blotch on light yellow leaves.

OCTAVIA HILL- Red semi-double flowers. This variety is named in honour of Octavia Hill the founder of the National Trust, to celebrate her life's work and the centenary of her death.

ROBERT FISH – Synonymous with Mrs Pollock. Tricoloured foliage with yellow edges. Orange red single flowers.

SHOCKING PINK – Intense pink early flowering.

VANCOUVER – Stella type, single brick red star shaped flowers. Gold and bronze foliage.

WENKE – Semi-double pure white flowers. Very good habit.

FIREWORKS SERIES OF STELLAR VARIETIES

These are zonal geraniums with star shaped blooms guaranteed to make the garden sparkle.

PINK – Single pink flowers

RED/WHITE – Single flowers. Cerise red with white splash.

SCARLET – Single bright scarlet red flowers.

IVY-LEAVED GERANIUMS

This group of geraniums have attractive ivy-like foliage and a trailing habit, that makes them ideally suited for hanging baskets and window boxes where they can gracefully trail over the front edge. At Aylett Nurseries we support their trailing growth with a green plastic frame, which should be carefully removed before planting, the best method of achieving this is to cut through the plastic with a sharp pair of scissors.

IVY LEAVED GERANIUMS

AMELIT – Semi-Double dark amethyst coloured flowers.

AMY – Semi-double, dark lilac.

APRICOT – Semi-double. Deep apricot pink.

BALCON LILAC – Single, lilac.

BALCON PINK – Single, pink.

BALCON RED – Single, red.

BLANCHE ROCHE - Double white flowers, pink centre.

CHRIS – Semi-double, velvet red and white.

DECORA STELLENA – Single pink bicour flowers with white stems, free flowering attractive foliage.

ERKE – Semi-double pink flowers. Trailing habit.

FALKO – Double scarlet red.

KATE – Velvet red flowers. Early free flowering.

LONA – Semi-double, pure white.

MARLEN – Semi-double amethyst.

MEXICA NEALIT – Semi-double magenta flowers with white stripes. Trailing habit.

NIXE – Semi-double dark red and white.

PINK SYBIL - Double pink flowers, compact growth.

POLLY – Semi-double, scarlet orange.

RED DEVIL – Semi-double. Bright red.

ROCKY – Semi-double fuchsia pink flowers. Trailing habit.

ROSY – Semi-double. Light pink.

SALLY – Double flowers, velvet red.

TESKE – Semi-double bright lilac flowers. Good habit.

TOMMY – Semi-double, dark velvet.

SCENTED GERANIUMS

Mostly grown for their attractive aromatic foliage, which can range from lemon scent to eucalyptus, all very pleasant and especially useful for that scented garden. The flowers of these varieties are usually small and single.

ORANGE FIZZ – Lemon sherbet scent, lilac flowers.

LADY PLYMOUTH – Lilac flowers.

PINK CAPITATUM – Fruity scent, large pink flowers.

SWEET MINOSA – Light pink flowers.

F1 HYBRID SEEDLING GERANIUMS

In recent years great advances have been made in the hybridizing of Geraniums. They have single flowers and are very free flowering, with the great advantage of being very uniform in growth giving good ground cover for superb massed bedding. They are more resistant to wet weather than the traditional types of geraniums.

Aylett Nurseries grow a series of Bullseye and Horizon F1 hybrid geraniums in a rainbow of colours available in Aylett's Choice special 6 packs.

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