PLANT FACT SHEET

Pelargonium peltatum (L.) L'Hér.

GENUS *Pelargonium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Ivy-leaved geranium, Hanging Pelargonium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

The buds and acid leaves are eaten. They also add flavour.

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby herb. It is evergreen and keeps growing from year to year. It is creeping. It grows 30 cm high and spreads 60-120 cm wide. It has long trailing stems. The leaves are ivy like and glossy green. They are almost round but with lobes. The flowers occur in clusters. They can be single or double. They are 2.5 cm wide and the petals do not overlap. They are white, pink or lavender.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It can grow in full sun or light shade. It needs a fertile, gritty soil. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in dry salty soil. It needs a neutral pH. It can grow in arid places. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed. The seed are scattered on the surface and pressed down. Seedlings can be transplanted. A spacing of 45 cm apart is suitable.

NOTES

There are about 230 Pelargonium species.

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