PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Pelargonium grossularioides (L.) L'Her.

GENUS *Pelargonium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Coconut Geranium

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Herb

Caution: It should not be eaten by pregnant women. It can cause abortions.
The scented leaves have been baked in cakes and sweets.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It is low growing and wide spreading. The leaves are rounded and shiny. The leaves have a coconut scent. The flowers are a pale blue.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate some shade. It can tolerate extreme conditions of heat and lack of water. It is damaged by frost. In Hobart Botanical gardens 1.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Seeds can be collected by allowing seed heads to dry on the plant. It can be grown from seeds or cuttings. It can be grown using layering. It is best with a pH between 6.1-7.8.

NOTES

There are about 230 Pelargonium species.
It is an unresolved name in The Plant List.

PICTURES



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