



# COBLANDS

## GERANIUMS FACT SHEET

**Hardy Geraniums mix well with other herbaceous plants and shrubs, they are easy to grow in most of the situations found in gardens and landscape areas. We can offer varieties that are suitable for small rock gardens up to large perennial beds. Most varieties are very free and long flowering, and many have attractive leaves. The colour of the flowers range from purple, pink, blue, and white and shades in between. Many of the varieties are clump forming and a few make spreading mats.**

### **Geranium 'Ann Thompson'**

Magenta flowers with black eyes. Foliage is golden/green. Flowers July - October, approx 40cm high. This is a similar plant to 'Ann Folkard', but bushier in habit. Good growing through other larger plants. Cut back hard each year.

### **Geranium 'Brookside'**

A good lavender-blue flower with white centres, grey-green foliage is deeply cut, approx 50cm high. Flowers May -September or longer. Will cope with sun or semi-shade. Useful for its long flowering season.

### **Geranium 'Crug Strain'**

A low growing perennial, which form impressive mounds of soft hairy dark tan-peuter rounded foliage. Because it's a 'strain' the flowers vary in colour from deep to pale pink. This variety was bred at Crug Farm Plants, by Bleddyn and Sue Wyn Jones.

### **Geranium 'Philippe Vapelle'**

Soft hairy veined blue-grey leaves, to approx. 35cm high. Flowers are large bluish-purple with dark veins, from May - August. This plant has the foliage of *G. renardii* and better flowers than *G. 'Johnsons Blue'*. Excellent ground cover plant in sun or light shade.

### **Geranium 'Westray'**

A new variety bred by Alan Bremer in the Orkneys. The flowers are bright pink and very floriferous. Makes a clump 30cm in diameter within two years, and is a good garden plant.

### **Geranium cinereum 'Ballerina' AGM**

This plant is very free flowering and compact at 10 cm high. It prefers well drained soil, and makes low ground cover if planted in drifts. The flowers are lilac-pink with red-pink centre and veins, from May - September. Full sun.

### **Geranium cinereum var. subcaulescens AGM**

Prolific rich cerise flowers with dark eye over vigorous grey-green foliage. This also prefers full sun and well-drained soil. Flowers May - August. This also makes good low ground cover or good for rockeries.

### **Geranium himalayense 'Gravetye' AGM**

Large violet-blue flowers with purplish centre. Green foliage which is deeply divided, to 45cm high. Will grow in sun or semi-shade. Flowers June - August. This plant is very hardy to -20°C. In our opinion a very good replacement for *G. 'Johnsons Blue'*, flowering longer and holding the foliage for longer.

### **Geranium himalayense 'Plenum'**

This is also known as G. 'Birch Double'. It has double soft lavender-blue flowers, which fade to light mauve. Sun or semi-shade. Foliage to 30cm spreading underground. Flowers from June - September, very hardy to -20°C. The flowers resemble miniature roses.

### **Geranium magnificum AGM**

The second name says it all! Wonderful rich violet flowers above hairy green leaves that get to 60cm high. The foliage colours well in the autumn. Flowers from May - June. Sun or semi-shade.

### **Geranium phaeum**

Very dark plum coloured flowers between May - July, second flush can be obtained by cutting back in late spring. The foliage is semi-evergreen, to 80cm high. The species will grow in very dark shade. It also self seeds readily, so it must be cut back if you don't want it to take over your garden. Bees love this plant and its varieties. We also stock Geranium phaeum 'Album', a white flowered variety.

### **Geranium psilostemon 'Bressingham Flair'**

If you want the colour of G. psilostemon, but do not have a large garden then this is the plant you require. Foliage to 90cm instead of 1.2 metres as with G. psilostemon. Soft magenta bowl shaped flowers with darker veins (the colour is not as intense as G. psilostemon). Flowers from June - August. The leaves give red autumn colour. Introduced by Blooms Nursery in 1973.

### **Geranium x riversleaianum 'Russell Pritchard' AGM**

Intense carmine red flowers from May - September. The foliage is semi-evergreen and produces mounds and creeping trails, to 20-30cm high. This plant needs to be planted in full sun and well drained gritty soil to flourish. Does not like wet conditions. Long flowering period and grey-green foliage.

### **Geranium sanguineum**

Wide spreading hummocks of deeply divided dark green leaves, to 25-30 cm high. Deep magenta flowers between June - September. Usually seen on rockeries but is excellent in mixed borders or as ground cover. The foliage also colours in the autumn. Will grow in sun or semi-shade.

### **Geranium sylvaticum 'Album' AGM**

Pure white flowers held on branching stems to 60cm high. The mounds of light green leaves and white flowers give this plant a very fresh appearance. This will grow in sun or semi-shade and prefer more water retentive soils. Flowers May - September, very hardy to -20°C.

### **Geranium sylvaticum 'May flower' AGM**

A good rich violet-blue flower with a white eye on stems to 60cm high. Mid-green leaves. Sun or semi-shade and more water retentive soils preferred. Flowers May - June and sometimes later. Also very hardy to -20°C. This plant was introduced by Alan Bloom in 1972.

Many more varieties available

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