Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill

Geranium macrorrhizum 'Ingerwesen's Variety'



Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Bigroot Cranesbill

Description:

A low growing, mounded selection featuring light pink flowers during the early summer months and highly fragrant green leaves which develop to beautiful reds and oranges in the fall; drought tolerant, excellent for use in borders, beds or as groundcover

Ornamental Features

Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill has masses of beautiful lightly-scented shell pink flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive rose flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its deeply cut lobed palmate leaves are emerald green in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Ingerwesen's Variety Cranesbill is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.