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Geranium maculatum L.

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Spotted Geranium, Wild Geranium, Cranesbill

Geraniaceae (Geranium Family)

Showy, pink, five-petaled flowers, occur at the top of leafy, 1-3 ft. stem. Lavender flowers are in loose clusters of 2-5 at the ends of branches above a pair of deeply 5-lobed leaves. In addition to its flowers, this perennial is well known for its 5- to 6-parted, deeply cut leaves. It colonizes by thick rhizomes but is not aggressive.

Plant Characteristics

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Herb

Leaf Retention: Semi-evergreen

Size Notes: 1 to 2 feet high

Flower: Flowers 1 to 1.5 inches across

Fruit: 1 inch

Size Class: 1-3 ft.

Bloom Information

Bloom Color: White , Pink , Purple

Bloom Time: Mar, Apr, May, Jun

Bloom Notes: Color ranges from pink to white to lavender. deadheading will prolong bloom.

Distribution

USA: AL , AR , CT , DC , DE , GA , IA , IL , IN , KS , KY , LA , MA , MD , ME , MI , MN , MO , MS , NC , ND , NH , NJ , NY , OH , OK , PA , RI , SC , SD , TN , VA , VT , WI , WV

Native Habitat: Dry or moist woods; woodland edges; dappled meadows

Growing Conditions

Water Use: Medium

Light Requirement: Part Shade , Shade

Soil Moisture: Moist - medium dry

Soil pH: Acidic (pH<6.8)

Soil Description: Rich, acid

Benefit

Use Wildlife: Seeds attract Mourning Doves, Bobwhite Quail, and White-tailed Deer

Attracts: Birds

Deer Resistant: No

Value to Beneficial Insects

Special Value to Native Bees

Special Value to Bumble Bees

This information was provided by the Pollinator Program at The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Propagation

Propagation Material: Root Division , Seeds

Description: Seeds may be sown outside in late fall or the following spring without any cold treatment. The species may also be propagated by rhizome division in either fall or early spring. The rhizomes often form right angles, simplifying division.

Seed Collection: The fruiting structure begins to darken 3-4 weeks after the bloom period. Collect at this time and place in a paper bag, where they will split open and release small, dark-brown seeds. Store in sealed, refrigerated containers.

Seed Treatment: No treatment necessary.