

Geranium sanguineum **Vision® Pink**

Bloody Cranesbill, Crane's Bill

Culture guide

Uses:

A good ground covering plant for rock garden, dry stone walls, extensive roof planting, attractive plants for bees, pot and container plants

Exposure:

Sun

Garden height:

13" / 33 cm

Crop time:

10-12 months

Sow time:

April-May for green pots, June-August for flowering in pots the following year

Sowing method:

3-5 seeds per plug, can be sown directly in final pot

Germination:

10-14 days at 65-75°F (18-25 °C). Cover seed after sowing.

Growing On:

Transplant plugs after 3-5 weeks. Grow on at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C) in a moist humus, medium. Vernalization is required for flowering.

Media:

Use a well-drained, growing substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e.g. bark, perlite, sand), 1-2 kg/m³ complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-7.5.

Temperature:

Grow at 12-20 °C or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoor fleece cover needed. In spring the plants start to grow for 6-8 weeks at 16-20 °C during daytime and at 14-18°C during night. Cold temperatures at 12-15 °C will increase the cultivation time. A chilling period (vernalization) for flower initiation is required for a minimum of 15 weeks.

Fertilization:

Low-moderate fertilization levels are required. Fertilize the crop weekly with 80-100 ppm nitrogen (at 2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer in substrate), using complete balanced fertilizer. Avoid high ammonium and high nitrogen levels. Very high nitrogen levels in substrate cause shoot stretching and the shoots fall apart. Don't fertilize after mid September. In spring fertilize 80-100 ppm nitrogen of a complete balanced fertilizer. Prevent magnesium deficiency by applying magnesium sulphate (0,05 %) 1-2 times and in case of iron deficiency (above pH 6.0) apply iron-chelate for 1-2 times.