

Plant "Imagination"



Pelargonium 'Apricot'

Try as indoor plant?

The **'Apricot' geranium** or **'Paton's Unique' pelargonium** has a bright coral pink flower. The center of the flower is light pink. The two upper petals are veined with purple or burgundy. The flowers are produced in clusters of 4 – 9 flowers. Blooms are produced abundantly in spring and summer.

The dark green leaves are stiff, with five major lobes. The margins of the roughly triangular leaves are toothed. The leaves are scented – apricot is imaginative. Someone has suggested they have the scent of apricot leaves! Hmm. While there are probably several aromatic scents being produced by these leaves (wine-tasters take note) and various overtones may be detected When stressed or cold the leaves may turn red.

Apricot Scented Geranium makes an attractive container plant and can be enjoyed as an annual where winters are not mild enough for the plant to survive.

The oil glands of scented geraniums are located on the back of the leaves and open as the temperature rises. These oils actually act as coolant for the plant. There are a large number of fragrant geraniums.