Geranium   sanguineum Vision® Pink

Item no.: M4601T

Crop Time

Spring: 20 - 24 weeks

Height

33cm

Exposure

Sun

Seed Form

ApeX

Hardiness Zone

4a-8a

Best Uses

Bedding, Landscape

Culture guide

Usage

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

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.

Stage I Starts with the radicle breaking through the testa. The roots are touching the medium. Ends with fully developed cotyledons.

Stage II Starts from fully developed cotyledons. Ends with the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair.

Stage III Starts from the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair and ends with 80% of the young plants being marketable.

Stage IV All young plants are ready for sale and in the process of being hardened off. This stage lasts about 7 days.