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Botanical Name:	Pelargonium zonale Big Rose
Common Names:	Calliope Geranium, Zonal Geranium, Garden Geranium,
Native:	No
Foliage Type:	Evergreen
Plant Type:	TBA
Plant Habit:	Rounded, Spreading

Description:

The BIG Series of Geraniums will bring big impact to your garden. Boasting bright, bountiful colour these varieties are sure to please the eye. Large, doubled blooms present themselves atop mid-green, compact foliage, setting a neat, yet exciting scene. Give your garden a cottage feel by using baskets to hang them from lattice, retaining walls, fences or pagolas. Plant them by your kitchen window to brighten up the view or use a variety of decorative pots to add depth and colour to any outdoor setting in need of brightening up. The thick, mid-green foliage keeps a semi-trailing habit which means they will cascade in hanging baskets, or stay low-growing in the garden.

Mature Height: 30-60cm **Position:** Full Sun, Semi Shade

Mature Width: 30-60cm **Soil Type:** Loam, Sandy, Well Drained

Landscape Use(s): Balcony / Roof, Borders / Shrubbery, Coastal Garden, Courtyard, Cut Flower, Feature, Formal Garden, Low Water Garden, Mass Planting, Rockery, Container / Pot

Pest & Diseases:

Botrytis, Generally trouble free

Cultural Notes:

Any full sun to part shade position is suitable. BIG Geraniums love compost-enriched, free draining soil. They're ideal in patio pots, hanging baskets and window boxes and work really well in mixed plantings. Trail them over retaining walls or use as a ground cover. Avoid frost! BIG Geraniums are drought tolerant plants. They'll appreciate an extra bit of water in the heat of summer and while flowers are being produced. Pot specimens will require more attention. Feed them with a small amount of a general purpose controlled release fertiliser in spring and autumn. Trim off old stems and shape plant if desired. You could also nip off spent flower stems. Not much to do really! There are a few of the expected bugs that can be attracted to these plants such as aphids or mealy bug. These are easy to control, so see your specialist nursery retailer for advice on the right product. Watch out for the fungal disease Botrytis, which can reside under old leaves, attacking new growth. Simply remove offending stems and don't over-water the plants. Information and images are courtesy of Ramm Botanicals.

Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Liquid feed, Mulch well

Family Name:	Geraniaceae
Origin:	Africa
Characteristics:	
Foliage Colours:	Green
Flower Colours:	Pink
Flower Fragrant:	No
Flowering Season:	Autumn, Spring, Summer
Fruit:	No
Requirements:	
Growth Rate:	Fast
Maintenance Level:	Low
Water Usage:	Low, Medium / Moderate
Tolerances:	
Drought:	High
Frost:	Moderate
Wind:	Moderate

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