



Geranium 'Cheryl's Shadow'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

'Cheryl's Shadow' was discovered as a naturally occurring hybrid seedling by Dave Fross of Native Sons Nursery in Arroyo Grande, CA. Vigorous, prostrate plants sport dainty, chocolate brown to burgundy foliage. Small, pale pink flowers appear in late spring and continue through summer. *PlantHaven*.

USES

This is a great container plant or low-growing ground cover in the perennial garden. Simple to grow, it requires very little labor or chemicals to make a beautiful container crop.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Grow in full sun for best foliage color, although plants will tolerate partial shade well.
- No deadheading or growth regulators are required.
- Plant in spring in colder climates. Winter over established plants outdoors in USDA Zone 7 and warmer, but winter over in a cold greenhouse in colder zones.
- Apply preventive fungicides for downy and powdery mildew in fall and winter. There are no significant insect problems, but watch for mites in summer.
- Space pots early in the growing season to produce better form and foliage color, as well as decrease incidence of *Botrytis* or other foliage diseases.
- Note that the finish times listed are required to produce a full container. Additional time may be necessary to produce mature color depending on growing environment, temperatures, etc.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 6–10"/10"
- Spread: 12"
- Bloom time: May–Aug
- USDA Zone: 7(0°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 6–8 weeks from fall transplant
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
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