

Citronella Geranium



Pelargonium citrosum 'Citronella'

- **Use:** A member of the geranium family, mosquito plant carries the fragrance of citronella in its foliage. When a leaf is crushed and rubbed on the skin, it smells wonderful and helps is said to naturally repel mosquitoes. (The plant itself does not act as a deterrent to the pests.) Though growing mosquito plant is not as effective as using bottled repellents, mosquito plant works gently, and when you grow it in your garden, it is always on hand.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Loves full sun or at least 4-5 hours of afternoon sun. They love the heat! Water 2-3 times a week. Prefers protected shade or morning sun only. Requires well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water regularly under the leaves. If you are not good at watering get some **Soil Moist**. In extreme heat it may need daily watering.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 12-18" tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11; Annual, Houseplant
- **Foliage:** Dainty, green leaves.
- **Flowers:** Some of the most dainty pink bicolor flowers you will ever see! Will bloom from spring to fall frost. Pick off seed pods for more blooms.

The citronella fragrance comes from the plant's leaves.

Rub the leaves to release the scent.

The lacy shape of the leaves, as well as the fragrance, make it a nice addition to flower arrangements.



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