



FACTS

- Rose-Scented Pelargoniums, part of a group of plants often called Scented Geraniums, include *Pelargonium graveolens*, cultivars of the *P. 'graveolens' group*, *P. capitatum*, and *P radens*.
- The essential oil from scented pelargoniums (often called geranium oil) has been used in the perfume industry since the 1800s when *P. capitatum* 'Attar of Roses' was identified as an inexpensive substitute for fragrance extracted from rose petals.
- Essential oil is obtained from leaves and flowering green parts through water –vapor distillation and is produced commercially primarily in China, Morocco, Egypt, Russia, France, Madagascar, Réunion Island, and Algeria and is used today in perfumes and other cosmetics.

TIPS FOR USE

- Add leaves to flavor ice tea, butter, apple jelly and ice cream.
- Layer rose-scented pelargonium leaves in flour or sugar to add a subtle and distinctive flavor and aroma to baked goods.
- Dry leaves on screens or paper towels, then add to pot pourri sachets or sleep pillows.
- Use fresh cut leaves or branches in fresh flower arrangements, wreathes and bouquets like tussie mussies.
- Leaves and rose geranium essential oils can be used to create homemade face creams, bath oils, soaps, toners and other toiletries.
- Layer leaves in corn starch to create scented body powder.

POPULAR CULTIVARS INCLUDE:

- *P. 'Attar of Roses'*
- *P. 'Atomic Snowflake'*
- *P. 'Dr. Livingston'* (syn. *P. 'Skeleton Rose'*)
- *P. 'Grey Lady Plymouth'*
- *P. 'Rober's Lemon Rose'*
- *P. 'Rose'* (syn. *P. 'Old Fashioned Rose'*)

PLANT SOURCES:

Colonial Creek Farm – colonialcreekfarm.com

Goodwin Creek Gardens – goodwincreekgardens.com

The Growers Exchange – thegrowers-exchange.com

Logee's Plants for Home and Garden – logees.com

Mountain Valley Growers – mountainvalleygrowers.com

Richters Herbs – richters.com

ESSENTIAL OIL SOURCES:

Geranium essential oil is generally made from *Pelargonium graveolens*, commonly known as the rose-scented geranium.

Aura Cacia - Auracacia.com

Amazon - Amazon.com

Mountain Rose Herbs – mountainroseherbs.com

Penn Herb Co. Ltd. – pennherb.com