

# Geranium

## Area Under Cultivation

It is being commercially cultivated mainly in Nilgiri and Kodaikanal hills of Tamil Nadu and around Bangalore in Karnataka.

**Botanical Name** : *Pelargonium graveolens*

**Family** : Geraniaceae

**Plant Discription:**

It is a bushy aromatic herb. Stem is cylindrical, woody at base. Pubescent, green when young and turning brown with age. Leaves are alternate, stipulate, simple with about 5 palmatisect primary lobes and pinnatisect secondary lobes, pubescent on both lobes. Flowers are pentamerous, bisexual with pink corolla.

**Centre of Origin** : South Africa

**Pollination System** : Generally sterile

**Chromosome No.** :  $2n=88$