

Geranium

Varieties

Algerian or Tunisian :

It is a slender plant with dark pink coloured flowers. It is cultivated in Nilgiris. This variety yields 50-60% more oil than the reunion type.

Reunion or Bourbon :

It is grown in Nilgiri and Annamalai hills. The plant is sturdy with light pink flowers and suited for wet conditions. The oil content is higher during summer season and the terminal 6-10 leaves contain more oil than the middle and basal portion.

Sel-8 (Reunion Type) :

It is a variety released by IIHR, Bangalore.

Hemanthi :

This variety is released by CIMAP, Lucknow for cultivation in the plains of north India. It is same as Algerian type rich in citronellol.

Bipuli :

This variety is released by CIMAP, Lucknow. It is the same as Bourbon type equally rich in both geraniol and citronellol.