

Cranesbill 'Brookside'

Geranium x



Top: The five-petaled flowers and medium green foliage of *Geranium* 'Brookside'

Left: The mounded form and flower distribution

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Family: Geraniaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous perennial

Size: 24” tall; 12-24” wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 5-8

Leaves: Palmately cleft

Leaf Color: medium green

Fall Color: red-orange

Flowers: late-May to July

Fruit: not significant

Light: full sun—part shade

Moisture: well-drained—moist

Insect/Disease Issues: none serious, leaf spot

Nativity: Cultivated

Location in the Gardens: South Field, Jones
Rose Garden

Culture & Landscape Value:

A mound of medium foliage with purple-blue flowers that bloom on and off in summer. Fall color develops when weather begins to cool down in September. Works well at the front or middle of a garden bed. Can be cut back in late summer to keep the foliage tidy in late fall.

Notes:

The Chicago Botanic Garden is the home of the National Geranium Collection, which contains over 102 different specimen. The genus *Pelargonium* also has the common name ‘geranium’, referring to the annual bedding plant. These plants used to be in the genus *Geranium*, but was reclassified in 1789.



Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec