

Calandrinia (*Calandrinia balonensis*)



CULTURAL INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Calandrinia balonensis is an Australian native herbaceous succulent that originates from the semi-arid regions of central Australia. This selection has been extensively cross-bred to produce a compact plant about 15 cm high x 40 cm wide with numerous bright pink-purple flowers about 40 mm in diameter. The stems do not put down runners so it won't spread throughout the garden.



USES

Calandrinia balonensis makes an excellent rockery, hanging basket or patio pot-plant, flowering continuously from spring through to autumn.

POSITION & CARE

Prefers an open position in full sun to part shade, in a well-drained soil. Requires minimal watering once established. Tolerates mild frost. Whether in pots or beds, these plants are easy to grow and require limited care beyond an occasional trim and feed. After a flush of flowers, prune lightly to remove old flowering stems, and apply a standard slow release fertiliser (does not need to be a 'native' type fertilizer) to encourage a new flush of growth and repeat flowering.

PLANTING GUIDE

For pots, use a good quality free-draining potting mix. For beds, cultivate the soil before planting. Dig a hole twice the width and depth of container, gently remove the plant from its container, and place the plant in the hole so that the pot soil level is slightly above the surrounding ground level. Fill hole firmly and water well, even if the soil is moist. Avoid covering the crown of the plant with mulch or soil when back filling. Water during establishment.

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