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Pelargonium zonale

[Synonyms : *Geranium zonale*]

HORSESHOE GERANIUM is a shrub. Native to South Africa it has white, pink and red flowers.

It is also known as *Pelargonie páskatá* (Czech), and Zonal geranium; and in flower language is said to be a symbol of stupidity.

This is a parent of many cultivated varieties.

Zonale is derived from Greek *zono-* (belt, girdle) component meaning ‘banded, zoned or girdled usually with distinct colouring or marking’ with reference to the leaf.

Authorities believe that horseshoe geranium arrived in Europe in about 1710.