

## GERANIUM 'Sabani Blue'

Origin: Bred by Alan Bremner, hardy geranium breeder from the wind swept Orkney Islands off the northern shore of Scotland

Species: Geranium hybrid, *libani x ibericum*

Protection Status: US PP # 16,305

### Characteristics:

'**Sabani Blue**' begins blooming impressively earlier and flowers longer than other perennial geraniums. The flowers are very flat, large and upward facing with darker veining. It is covered with flowers during April and into May and looks quite stunning in a clump. The foliage is pale green, with large leaves that make an attractive compact plant after the flowers have finished. Its upright, mounding habit of large, profuse flowers provides an excellent presence in the perennial garden where it will continue to bloom until high summer heat begins. Growth will frequently begin again in the fall, when a second bloom is possible depending on the length of the season. Growers will find this a fast crop, easy to grow that does well in part shade or sun.

Hardiness: Possibly Zone 5 to Zone 8

Bloom: Covered with large, deep blue flowers, dark veining. Blooms early April into May.

Foliage: Deeply divided, semi-glossy leaves with slight pubescence on the stems

Habit: Mounded dome, 16"-18" depending on rainfall. Maintains strong upright habit even after finished blooming.

Propagation: Vegetative cuttings. *License required to propagate.*

Culture: Moist soil, full sun to partial shade.

