



***Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo'**  
**2015 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR**  
*Sandy Welches, MGV '05*

Sorry for being late with this announcement. We like to celebrate the Perennial Plant of the Year in the *Trumpet Vine* each year. And it's a gorgeous plant suited to our zone 6 gardens.

*Geranium x cantabrigiense* 'Biokovo' is a member of the Geraniaceae family. It was found initially in the Dalmatia region of present-day Croatia.



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**Hardiness:** USDA Zones 4-8

**Light:** 'Biokovo' performs best in sun to partial shade.

**Soil:** This geranium prefers average, well-drained soil.

**Uses:** This perennial offers beautiful brightness and delicate scent in lightly shaded, partly sunny areas at the front of borders or as a groundcover. It showcases delicate pinkish-white flowers in spring that give way to beautiful reddish orange

fall leaf color. It reaches 6-10 inches high.

'Biokovo' blooms in late spring with delightful masses of 5-petaled white flowers. Petals are tinged pink at the base and have darker pink center stamens. The overall effect is a blushing pink geranium. *The aromatic foliage has rounded leaf edges, is a medium green color, and is semi-evergreen in most climates. It forms an attractive mound that offers scarlet and orange fall colors.*

This geranium spreads by sending out runners, or rhizomes. However, not being a deeply rooted perennial, removal is not strenuous. The plant tends to be deer and rabbit resistant.



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