

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowering and seeding stems. Photographer Don Wood, Pinnacle Reserve, Canberra, ACT



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Scotia Sanctuary, western NSW



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Common name

Blue storksbill, Native crowfoot, Blue crowfoot, Blue heron's-bill

Family

Geraniaceae

Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, grassy areas, and disturbed sites. Widespread. Rare on coast and ranges south of the Sydney area..

Notes

Annual or **biennial** to **perennial** herb, to 0.9 m tall or sprawling. Stems with scattered long stiff hairs. Leaves basal and opposite each other, basal leaves 1.5-6 cm long, 10-30 mm wide, stem leaves smaller. Leaves hairy, deeply **dissected** into three flat lobes which are again lobed or toothed to scalloped. Leaves sometimes appear **compound**, with 3 leaflets. Flowers blue, with 5 **petals**, each about 6-10 mm long, in clusters of 2-6 flowers, rarely single. Flowers most of the year.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Erodium~crinitum> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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