

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Namadgi National Park, ACT



Flower and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mies



Line drawings. c. leaf; flower; seed case with flower stalk. M.Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Rosetted cranesbill

Family

Geraniaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, heath, alpine **herbfields**, grassy areas, cold valleys, and the margins of bogs, at higher altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park. ACT. South of the Hume Highway - tablelands and western edge of the ranges.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.15 m high. Plants form compact clumps. Bases thick, covered with dry old leaf bases and leaf stalks. Flower stalks very short and inconspicuous, 1-4 cm long in flower, covered in hairs pointing upwards, or more rarely, the hairs **spreading** outwards. Leaves basal, crowded in a **rosette**, 1-4 cm long, 15-70 mm wide, coarsely **appressed**-hairy, with 5-7 lobes, the lobes further divided and often toothed, the tips of the lobes blunt. Flowers pink to magenta, occasionally whitish, with 5 **petals** 5-12 mm long, 3-5 mm wide. **Sepals** hairy, 4-6 mm long, **mucro** to 2 mm long. **Anthems** yellow, with a purple line. Flowers single, usually at or beneath the level of the leaves. Seeds about 2 mm long, brown, or greenish black, the surface smooth or covered in a fine network (rather than pitted) (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Flowering: Dec.-Apr.

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=Geranium~antrorsum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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