

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



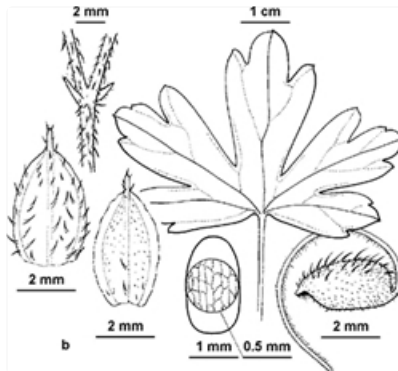
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Flower, seed cases, and leaves. Photographer Jackie Mles



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Line drawings. b. leaf; segment of seed case; seeds with surface detail; junction in the flower stalk; outer sepal (L) and inner sepal (R). MIMbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Rainforest Crane's-bill

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

**Forest** usually in moist sites, stream banks, and wet gullies. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** or **perennial** herb, **scrambling** or sprawling to **prostrate**, sometimes **rhizomatous**. Stems to 0.70 m long, hairy with coarse hairs to sparsely hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 1–4.5 cm long, 30–50 mm wide, more or less round to kidney-shaped, 3–7-lobed, the lobes each deeply divided into 3 **secondary** lobes or teeth towards the leaf tips, both surfaces hairy with coarse **appressed** hairs. Flowers pink to almost white, with 5 **petals** each 2–5.5 mm long. **Anthers** whitish with fine purple lines. **Sepals** almost hairless or with tiny **glandular** and appressed **simple** hairs and occasional longer hairs, 3–5 mm long, **mucro** 1–1.5 mm long. Flowers single or paired. Flowering: chiefly summer. Seeds dark brown, with small elongated pits (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Geranium~homeanum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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