

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



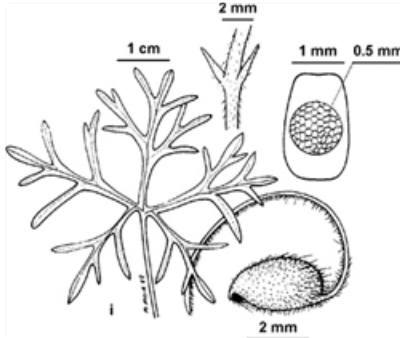
Flowers and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Lyndhurst, SA



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Stems with mature seeds. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Lyndhurst, SA



Line drawings. i. leaf; segment of seed case; seeds with surface detail; junction in the flower stalk. M Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Common cranesbill, Grassland crane's-bill

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

Woodland, grassland, and damp and shady sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.50 m tall or sprawling. Stems sparsely to densely hairy with short backward pointing **appressed** hairs, sometimes with minute **glandular** hairs. Leaves opposite each other, 1–4.5 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, appressed-hairy, oval to almost round or kidney shaped, with 3–7-lobes often divided into 3 narrow **secondary** lobes, tips of the lobes blunt to pointed. Flowers pink to magenta with yellowish **veins**, sometimes becoming paler at the base of the **petals**, with 5 petals each 5–10 mm long. **Anthers** yellow. **Sepals** 4.5–7 mm long, hairy with minute glandular and **simple** hairs, and some longer hairs, **mucro** 0.5–1 mm long, margin almost translucent. Flowers single or paired. Flowering: most of the year. Seeds black to dark brown, with deep, more or less equal-sided pits (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

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&lv=sp&name=Geranium~retrosum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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