

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



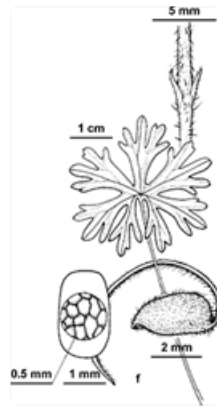
Flower and leaf. Photographer Richard Hartland, Harcourt, Vic?



Flowers, leaves, and mature seed (var. *solanderi*).  
Photographer Don Wood, Wonboyn Lake Resort south of Eden



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Line drawings (var. *solanderi*). f. leaf; segment of seed case; seeds with surface detail. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Native geranium, Austral cranesbill

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

Dry **forest**, **woodland**, grassy areas, and moist sites. Widespread.

var. *grande*: Widespread but not common.

var. *solanderi*: Widespread.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.5 m high or sprawling, bristly or hairy with coarse hairs, the hairs usually **spreading**, never pointing backwards and **appressed**, sometimes slightly sticky. Leaves opposite each other, appressed-hairy, almost round to kidney shaped, 1–4.5 cm long, 15–50 mm wide, with 5–10 lobes, the tips of each lobe divided into 2–5 lobes or teeth, tips of the **terminal** lobes blunt to almost pointed. Flowers pink, sometimes white, often with yellowish **veins**, with 5 **petals** to 12 mm long. **Anthers** pink to lemon with a purple line. Sepals with minute, **glandular** and **simple** hairs, and longer spreading hairs, margins occasionally translucent, 1–2.5 mm wide, **mucro** 0.5–0.9 mm long. Flowers paired, rarely single. Flowering: throughout the year. Seeds black, with coarse, more or less equal-sided pits (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

**var. grande**: Petals 10–12 mm long; **sepals** 6–9 mm long; seed cases 18–25 mm long; taproot swollen and branched but not turnip-like. All parts larger than in var. *solanderi*.

**var. solanderi**: Petals 3–8 mm long; sepals about 5 mm long; seed cases 12–15 mm long; taproot usually turnip-like.

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

Vulnerable Vic.

PlantNET description of species and key to varieties: <http://plantnet.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Geranium~solanderi> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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