

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Alpine Stork's-bill

Family

Geraniaceae

Where found

Alpine **heath** at higher altitudes. Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.25 m high, with a thick fleshy taproot. Stems densely hairy with short **simple** and **glandular** hairs or stalkless **glands**. Leaves opposite each other, 1–4.5 cm long, 10–45 mm wide, kidney-shaped to more or less round, often shallowly lobed, the lobes scalloped, surfaces hairy with short scattered hairs. Flowers with 5 deep pink **petals** 6–8 mm long, upper petals sometimes with deeper markings, and 4–5 **stamens** that produce pollen. **Sepals** 3–5 mm long, tips blunt (but sometimes with a minute point), densely hairy with fine hairs, sepal **spur** less than 1 mm long. Flowers in 5–12-flowered compact clusters. Flowering: chiefly summer.

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PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pelargonium~helmsii> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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