

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



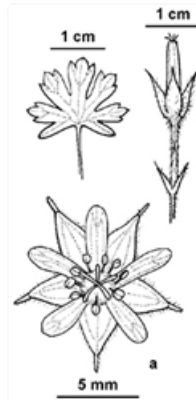
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## Common name

Alpine Crane's-bill

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

Grasslands and **herbfields** of treeless subalpine and alpine areas. Mainly ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.1 m high. Stems absent or very short, not longer than the leaves, covered with short, closely **appressed**, backward pointing hairs, and scattered longer **spreading** hairs. Leaves basal, in a **rosette**, nearly round to kidney-shaped, 1–2.8 cm long, sparsely or densely appressed-hairy, with 5–7 broad, often toothed, lobes, the lobes further divided and often toothed, the tips of the lobes pointed. Flowers with 5 red or crimson **petals** each 4.5–5 mm long. **Sepals** hairy, 5–6 mm long, fairly narrow, **mucro** to 1–1.5 mm long. **Anthers** yellow with a fine blue line. Flowers single. Seeds dark brown, smooth with minute shallow elongated pits (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see). Flowers Dec.–Apr.

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

Rare Vic.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/3d9bd8f0-49c1-4f0a-8d54-dfc8508696ab> (accessed 16 April 2021)

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