

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers, spent flowers, and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Scottsdale Bush Heritage Reserve near Bredbo



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Line drawings. c. leaf; seeds with surface detail. M Mbir, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Cranesbill geranium

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

Grassy areas, gardens, and disturbed areas, often in moist or swampy sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Introduced annual** or **biennial** herb to 0.5 m high or **prostrate**. Stems covered in soft hairs, sometimes sticky hairy. Leaves opposite each other or **alternating** up the stems, 0.5–3 cm long, 10–40 mm wide, hairy, almost circular to kidney shaped, with 5–9 lobes, the lobes broad and with 3–5 broad teeth. Flowers mauve to pink or magenta, with 5 deeply notched **petals** each 4–5 mm long. **Anthers** mauve. **Sepals** hairy with short **glandular** and longer **simple** hairs, 4–5 mm long, **mucro** absent or to 0.5 mm long. Flowers paired. Flowering: September–January. Seeds greenish brown to brown, more or less smooth (needs a hand lens or a macro app on your phone/tablet to see).

*Geranium molle* subsp. *molle* in NSW.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Geranium~molle> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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