

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



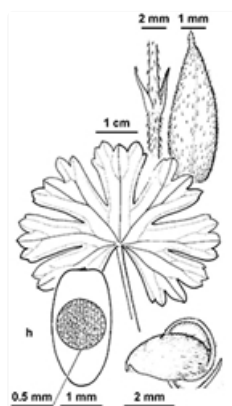
Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, River Forest Road near Monga south of Braidwood



Back of flower, seed case and leaf. Photographer Jackie Miles



Flowering plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Denise Grieg, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra, ACT



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

Common name

Red-stem Cranesbill, Cranesbill

Family

Geraniaceae

Where found

Mountain **forest**, stream banks, gullies, seepage lines, and in swamps and sphagnum bogs. Ranges, tablelands, ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park.

Notes

Perennial herb to about 0.2 m high, with stems to 1.2 m long, **prostrate** to sprawling, often **stoloniferous**. Stems often reddish, hairy with **appressed** hairs or almost hairless. Taproot thick, short. Leaves basal and opposite each other on the stems, 1–7 cm long, 25–85 mm wide, round to kidney-shaped, with 5–7 lobes each further divided into 2–5, tips of the **terminal** lobes blunt to pointed, both surfaces with scattered appressed hairs, surfaces different colours. Leaves on long stalks. Flowers pink becoming white towards the base of the **petals**, or white, with fine purple stripes, 20–35 mm in diameter, with 5 petals. **Sepals** almost hairless to hairy with minute hairs hairy with appressed hairs, margin translucent, 6–9 mm long, 1–2.5 mm wide, **mucro** 0.5–1 mm long. **Anthers** yellow. Flowers single. Flowering: chiefly summer to autumn. Seeds dark brown with small 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.

Rare Vic.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Geranium-neglectum> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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