

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Richard Hartland, Barfold, Vic



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Don Wood, Green Cape Lighthouse, south of Eden



Flowering stem. Photographer Don Wood, Namadji National Park, ACT

Common name

Native storksbill, Wild geranium, Austral storksbill

Family

Geraniaceae

Where found

Rocky sites, dunes, lake margins, and along streams. Widespread. Uncommon in the ranges.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.8 m tall or sprawling. Stems hairy to almost hairless, sticky. Leaves slightly aromatic when rubbed, opposite each other, 2-18 cm long, 20-180 mm wide (sometimes larger), hairy to hairless, usually with 5-7 shallow lobes, sometimes unlobed, margins toothed to scalloped, often wavy, bases usually **cordate**. Flowers pink to white with darker markings, with 5 **petals** each 6-10 mm long, and 7-8 **stamens** that produce pollen. **Sepals** 3-7 mm long, sparsely to densely hairy, sometimes slightly sticky, sepal **spur** 1-8 mm long. Flowers in 4-12 flowered clusters. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

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

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

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