

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers and leaves. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Young seed cases. Photographer Russell Best, Macedon Ranges, Vic



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, SE Forests National Park

## Common name

Wild Pelargonium, Wild Geranium, Kopata

## Family

Geraniaceae

## Where found

**Forest, woodland**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, rocky areas, and moist sites. Widespread.

## Notes

**Annual** or short-lived **perennial** herb to 0.6 m high. Stems softly or stiffly hairy with mostly short **simple** and shorter **glandular** hairs or **glands**. Taproot fleshy. Leaves more or less scented, opposite each other, 1–4 cm long, 10–50 mm wide, often shallowly 5–7-lobed, margins scalloped, both surfaces with scattered hairs or the upper surface hairless. Flowers pink, sometimes with darker pink to purple **veins**, 4–8 mm in diameter, with 5 **petals**, and 3–5 **stamens** that produce pollen. **Sepals** 2–4 mm long, tip pointed or with a long drawn out point, with scattered short stiff hairs, sepal **spur** 0.5–1 mm long. Flower clusters 2–14-flowered. 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~inodorum> (accessed 25 January, 2021)

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