

# Geranium aequale

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Annual herb to 400 mm; stem erect or decumbent, branched from base, pilose, long eglandular 1–1.2 mm long and short glandular, eglandular hairs < 0.5 mm long. **Rosette leaves** persistent; lamina 1.5–3–(5) × 1.5–3.7–(5.8) cm, divided 0.60–0.75 of length, pilose, hairs eglandular, appressed; segments 7–9, basally 2–4 mm wide, apex 3–(5)-lobed; cauline leaves alternate; petioles 140 mm long, with patent, eglandular hairs c. 1 mm long and short glandular, eglandular hairs < 0.5 mm long; stipules 6–7 × 3–4 mm, ovate-lanceolate, sometimes lobed, abaxially eglandular pilose, glabrous adaxially. **Bracts** 2–4 × 1.5–2 mm, pilose with eglandular hairs on abaxial surface and on the margin, glabrous adaxially; peduncles 10–70 mm, hairs eglandular, pilose, patent 1–1.7 mm or < 0.5 mm, glandular, eglandular; pedicels 10–22 mm, pilose, hairs: eglandular, patent 1.0–1.8 mm and < 0.5 mm glandular, eglandular. **Sepals** 3–5 × 1.5–2 mm, mucronulate, margins scarios, abaxially mixed eglandular hairs 1–2 mm and eglandular, glandular, < 0.5 mm, adaxially glabrous. **Petals** 3.5–4.5 × 2–3 mm, emarginate (notch 1 mm), claw short, bright purple. **Stamens** 10, filaments 3–4.5 mm, lanceolate, mostly glabrous; anthers 0.4–0.6 × 0.2–0.3 mm, purple. **Gynoecium** c. 5 mm long; stigma purple. **Fruit** 9–12 mm; mericarps 1.4–1.5 × 1.0–1.1 mm, smooth, without longitudinal rib, partially covering seed, mostly glabrous, densely ciliate at base; rostrum 7.0–10.5 mm, apex narrowed, 1–1.5 mm, pilose; stigmatic remnant persistent. **Seeds** 1.6–1.7 × 0.9–1.0 mm, brownish.

## GENUS

Geranium

## FAMILY

Geraniaceae

## AUTHORITY

Geranium aequale Aedo

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ORIGIN

Europe

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Probably accidental

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial. Seed is long lived and dispersed by wind and animals.

## ETYMOLOGY

**geranium:** From the Greek geranos 'crane', the fruit of the plant resembling the head and beak of this bird, hence the common name cranesbill.



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