PLANT FACT SHEET

Erodium malacoides (L.) L'Hér.

GENUS *Erodium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Oval heron's bill, Mediterranean Stork's Bill

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, fruit

The leaves are cooked as a potherb.
The bottom of the immature fruit is chewed as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

An erect or sprawling herb. It has hairs. It can grow for one or two years. The leaves are oval or oblong. They are heart shaped at the base and have teeth. The leaves can have 3 lobes. The leaves are covered with small shiny glands. The flowers are purple or pink and 11-18 mm across. There are 3-7 flowers in a group. The fruit has a beak 18-35 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It grows in dry open places. In Pakistan it is in shady places between 700-1,000 m altitude. It can grow in arid places. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

There are about 200 Erodium species.

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