PLANT FACT SHEET

Geranium retrorsum L'Her ex DC.

GENUS *Geranium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Common Cranesbill, Grassland cranesbill

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Taproot

DESCRIPTION

A creeping herb plant which keeps growing from year to year. The stems lie along the ground. They are covered with soft hairs. The leaves near the base are in a ring. The leaves near the base are larger and have deeper lobes than the leaves on the stems. The leaves on the stem are 9 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are opposite. The leaf stalks are slender and 7 cm long. The hairs are short and point backwards. Leaves are round or kidney shaped with 3-7 lobes. They are green and hairy. The flower have open petals and are 2 cm across. They are pink with yellow veins. The flowers occur in pairs. They have long slender hairy stalks. There are long hairs around the edges of the sepals. The fruit has a beak 1.5 cm long. The seeds are dark brown.

HABITAT

It grows in temperate places. It grows in grassland and woodland. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 300-400 Geranium species. They are mostly temperate.

PICTURES



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