PLANT FACT SHEET

Erodium cicutarium (L.) L' Herit ex Aiton

GENUS *Erodium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Common Storksbill, Red-stem Filaree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems, Roots, fruit

The young plant is cooked and eaten or also eaten raw. They can be added to salads, sauces, omelettes, sandwiches, or soups.
The bottom of the young fruit is chewed.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. The stems are creeping or can curve upwards. They are 20-30 cm long. The leaves are deeply divided and 10 cm long. They are feather-like. The flowers are pink. They occur in clusters of 1-9 on the ends of branches. The fruit have long slender beaks. It is a very variable plant.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in grassland. In temperate China it grows on flood plains between 700-2,200 m above sea level. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

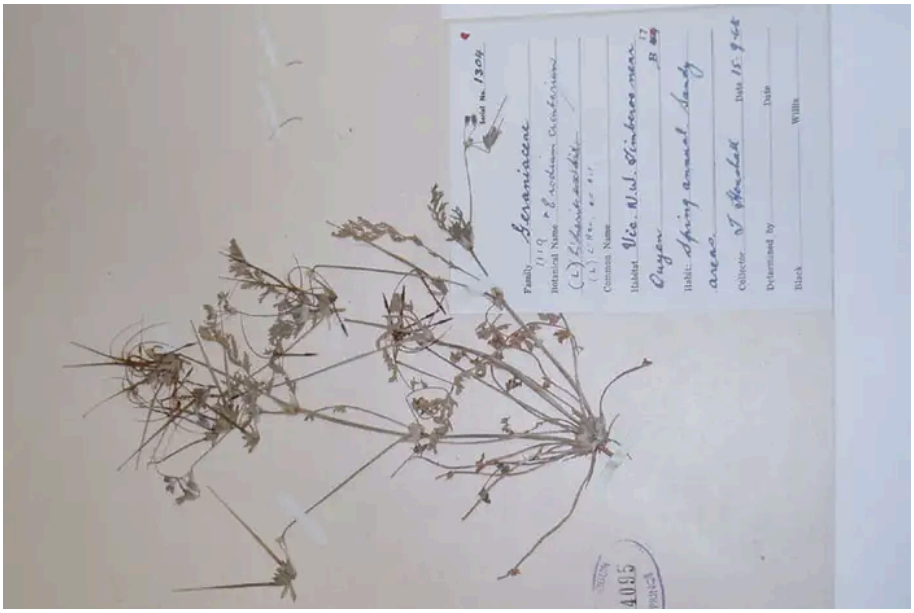
Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or by division of the roots.

NOTES

There are about 60 Erodium species.

PICTURES



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