PLANT FACT SHEET

Erodium crassifolium (Forsk.) Willd.

GENUS *Erodium* **FAMILY** Geraniaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert stork's-bill

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Leaves, Bulb - corm

The root is eaten raw.
The bulb or corm is cooked in olive oil with other spices.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or shrub. It has a bulb. The roots are long and narrow. Small rounded tubers develop on this. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 15-20 cm tall. There are a few leaves and often they are in a ring. The leaves have deep lobed along the edge. It is 4-8 cm long. The flowers are shaped like a plate and is 25-32 mm across. There are 5 oval petals that are pink to purple and with a black/red patch at the base.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean plant. It can grow in arid places. It grows in the Sahara. It grows in the desert.

NOTES

There are about 200 Erodium species.

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