

**Weed Alert!**  
**Geranium species**



**Shining geranium**  
**(*Geranium lucidum*)**



**Herb Robert (*G. rober-***

# Geranium species

(*G. lucidum* & *G. robertianum*)

**Mature Size** Ankle



## Description

- Up to 2 ft. tall herb with small 5-petaled white to magenta flowers, usually in pairs
- Seedpod is a capsule with a long pointed beak
- Stems typically green to reddish in color, with green leaves that turn red over time
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by roads, equipment, water, horticulture
- Native to Europe and Asia

## *G. lucidum*

**Bloom Period:** May - Jun

- Modified leaves just below flower petals hairless and green, with distinct ridges
- Deeply-lobed opposite leaves are  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, shiny, roundish to kidney-shaped, with 3-7 lobes

**Bloom Period:** Apr - Sep

## *G. robertianum*

- Leaves, stems, and outer parts of flower are very hairy, with an unpleasant odor
- Leaves more finely lobed than *G. lucidum* and not shiny

**Habitat** Oak woodland, grassland, forest openings, disturbed sites, coastal regions



**2-Minute Removal** Pull

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