

# Weed Alert!

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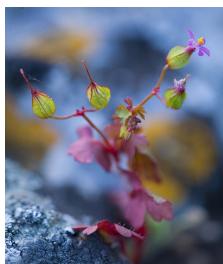
(*Geranium lucidum*)

**Mature Size** Ankle



## Description

- Up to 20 in. herb with small pink flowers
- 5-petaled flowers in pairs on thin reddish stems
- Modified leaves just below flower petals are hairless
- Leaves are shiny, roundish to kidney-shaped with 3-7 lobes
- Stems are typically upright and bright reddish in color
- Seeds form in capsules with a long pointed beak, giving the plant one of its common names, "crane's bill"
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by roads, trails, equipment, and as a nursery stock contaminant
- Native to Europe and Asia



**Bloom Period** May - Jun

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



**2-Minute Removal** Pull

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