

# Geranium potentilloides

## SYNONYMS

*Geranium microphyllum* var. *obtusatum* G.Simpson & J.S.Thomson

## FAMILY

Geraniaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Geranium potentilloides* DC.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

GERPOT

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 112

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Seed dispersed by wind, ballistic projection and possibly attachment (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**geranium:** From the Greek *geranos* 'crane', the fruit of the plant resembling the head and beak of this bird, hence the common name cranesbill.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/geranium-potentilloides/>



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