

Geranium rubricum

COMMON NAME

Red Hills geranium

SYNONYMS

None—first described in 2017

FAMILY

Geraniaceae

AUTHORITY

Geranium rubricum Heenan et Courtney

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Endangered | Qualifiers: RR, St

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island. Red Hills (Richmond Range).

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.

rubricum: The specific epithet 'rubricum' refers to the red ochre colour of the ultramafic rocks and soils where this species occurs, and also to the red colouration of the lamina margins and deep red colour of the stolon cortices

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heenan PB, Courtney SP. 2017. *Geranium rubricum* (Geraniaceae), a new species from ultramafic soils in the Red Hills, northern South Island, New Zealand. *Phytotaxa* 314(1): 89–95.

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MORE INFORMATION

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



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