

# GERANIALES

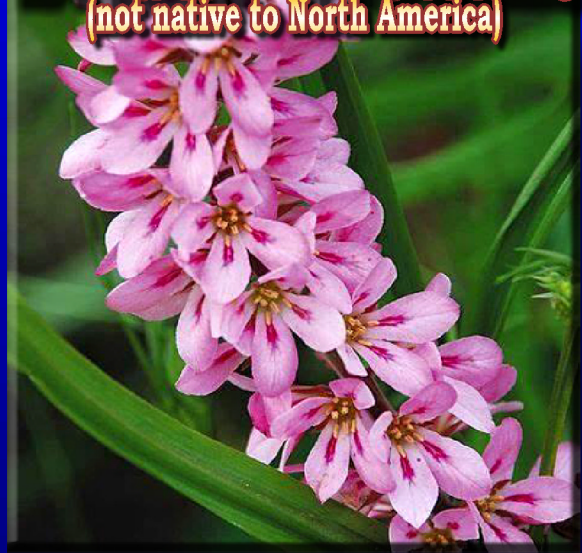
(Geranium)

## Geraniums



## Bridal Wreaths

(not native to North America)



# GERANIACEAE

## (Filarees)

### Redstem Filaree

(*Erodium cicutarium*)



prostrate growth

Indian Spg; Mt Tipton; AZ



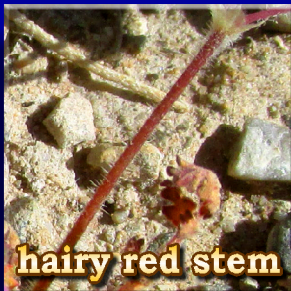
May

Potosi Mountain; Spring Mountain Range; Clark Co.; NV



spike-like fruit

Potosi Mtn; Clark Co.; NV



hairy red stem

Red Rock Cyn NCA; NV



pinnate leaves

Potosi Mtn; Clark Co.; NV

- Flowers:** monoecious; radial sym; umbel-like inflor. (2-12 flowers); 5 non-overlapping petals; pink; .75"
- Stems:** prostrate to ascending; few to numerous; branched; hairy; green (young) to red (mature); 16"
- Leaves:** pinnate; deeply lobed leaflets; rosette (basal) to alternate/opposite (cauline); hairy; green; to 8"
- Blooms:** April to July
- Range:** throughout NA; native to Eurasia/North Africa (naturalized world wide)
- Habitat:** sandy to rocky; grasslands, desert scrub, disturbed areas, etc.; Lower Sonoran to Transition LZs

#### Notes:

common locally; annual/biennial; naturalized from Eurasia, grows to 1.5' (usually less) mainly in w/sw US at elevations of 3,000-7,000'; male flower: 10 stamens (5 sterile), female flower: 5-lobed ovary, 1 style, 5 stigmas; dehiscent, spike-like, single-seeded, 2" pod fruit; 3-4 subspecies; aka Common Stork's Bill, Redstem Stork's Bill, Pinweed, Cutleaf Filaree, etc.; young leaves edible; root traditionally used to make a poultice for treatment of sores, rashes, etc.; seeds and flower nectar provide food for various insects (butterflies, ants, etc.)

Mojave presence: introduced/naturalized

#### Comments:

This small, non-native plant flourishes generally in higher elevations mainly in the eastern Mojave and Grand Canyon regions, and is easily recognized by its distinctive fern-like leaves (superficially) and spiky fruit pods that some consider to be reminiscent of stork bills, thus inspiring its common names. It is the only member of Geraniales I have encountered in the Mojave.