

Geranium molle

Commonly: Dove's Foot Cranesbill Geranium

Vascular Plant Family: Geraniaceae

Flowers in spring

Geranium molle is an annual or short-lived perennial herb up to 50cm long with long soft simple hairs and glandular hairs. It is native to Europe and North Africa.



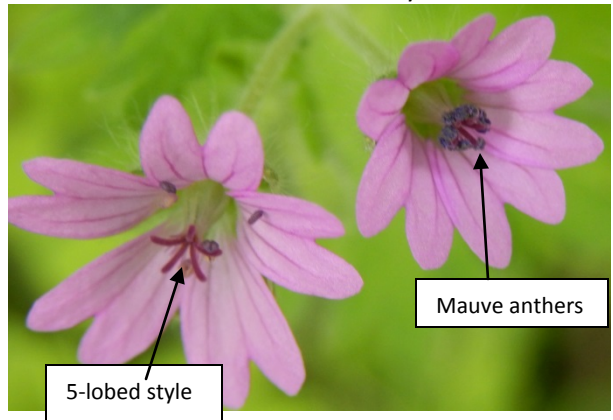
The leaves are opposite, circular in outline up to 2 cm long and 3cm wide, divided to about the middle into 5-9 lobes.



The inflorescence consists of stalked pairs of flowers. The glandular hairs on the flower stalk are visible in this photograph.



The flowers are pink to mauve. The sepals are up to 5mm long, with a short point. The 2-lobed petals are hairy towards the base. There are 10 stamens, the anthers are mauve and in the centre of the flower there is a 5-lobed style.



The fruit is up to 12 mm long with an obvious beak. The awns are hairy with glandular and non-glandular hairs and the seed at the base is without hairs and wrinkled.

*Indicates it is a weed