



Geranium aequale

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Annual herb to 400 mm; stem erect or decumbent, branched from base, pilose, long eglandular 1-1.2 mm long and short glandular, eglandular hairs < 0.5 mm long. Rosette leaves persistent; lamina 1.5-3(-5) x 1.5-3.7(-5.8) cm, divided 0.60-0.75 of length, pilose, hairs eglandular, appressed; segments 7-9, basally 2-4 mm wide, apex 3(-5)-lobed; cauline leaves alternate; petioles 140 mm long, with patent, eglandular hairs c.1 mm long and short glandular, eglandular hairs < 0.5 mm long; stipules 6-7 x 3-4 mm, ovate-lanceolate, sometimes lobed, abaxially eglandular pilose, glabrous adaxially. Bracts 2-4 x 1.5-2 mm, pilose with eglandular hairs on abaxial surface and on the margin, glabrous adaxially; peduncles 10-70 mm, hairs eglandular, pilose, patent 1-1.7 mm or < 0.5 mm, glandular, eglandular; pedicels 10-22 mm, pilose, hairs: eglandular, patent 1.0-1.8 mm and < 0.5 mm glandular, eglandular. Sepals 3-5 x 1.5-2 mm, mucronulate, margins scarious, abaxially mixed eglandular hairs 1-2 mm and eglandular, glandular, < 0.5 mm, adaxially glabrous. Petals 3.5-4.5 x 2-3 mm, emarginate (notch 1 mm), claw short, bright purple. Stamens 10, filaments 3-4.5 mm, lanceolate, mostly glabrous; anthers 0.4-0.6 x 0.2-0.3 mm, purple. Gynoecium c.5 mm long; stigma purple. Fruit 9-12 mm; mericarps 1.4-1.5 x 1.0-1.1 mm, smooth, without longitudinal rib, partially covering seed, mostly glabrous, densely ciliate at base; rostrum 7.0-10.5 mm, apex narrowed, 1-1.5 mm, pilose; stigmatic remnant persistent. Seeds 1.6-1.7 x 0.9-1.0 mm, brownish.

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