

Geranium maculatum

Wild Geranium
Wood Geranium

Native to Maine

Upland
Forests and Fields

Leaves



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Look for palmate leaves that have 5-7 deep lobes and are up to 13 cm across. Leaf edges have secondary lobes and coarse teeth. Leaves will be covered in small, white hairs.

| LEAF ARRANGEMENT | LEAF TYPE | LEAF/LEAFLET SHAPE | LEAF/LEAFLET EDGE |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ALTERNATE | SIMPLE | PALMATE | SMOOTH |
| OPPOSITE | COMPOUND-PALMATE | OVAL | TOOTHED |
| WHORLED | COMPOUND-PINNATE | ROUND | WAVY |

Plant



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Look for a perennial, herbaceous plant that grows 60 cm tall. The plant grows upright and normally grows in clusters of unbranched stems.

Stem



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Look for stems covered in fine hairs. Flowering stems are generally upright and end in a flat-topped cluster of 2-5 flowers.

Seasonal Change



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Flowers bloom in the spring in loose clusters of 2-5 flowers at the top of stems. Flowers are about 4 cm with 5 rose-purple petals.

Similar Species

G. maculatum can be confused with G. pratense, another geranium species from Europe. The leaves on G. pratense are more divided and finely cut than the leaves of G. maculatum.

Did You Know?

Native Americans used this plant to maintain good oral hygiene! They mixed the dried, powdered roots with grape juice and used it as a mouthwash for children.