

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

SHINY GERANIUM

(*Geranium lucidum*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Native to Eurasia
- Low-growing annual to biennial forb
- 5-petaled pink flowers grow in pairs on short stems
- Sepals at base of flower appear keeled, with conspicuous vertical cross-ribs
- Shiny leaves, round to kidney shaped, with 5 to 7 lobes (each shallowly lobed)
- Red stems smooth, grow up to 50 cm tall
- Prefers semi-open woodlands and open grasslands in the Pacific Northwest
- Reproduces by seed
- Local dispersal mainly wildlife, humans and water currents. Vehicles, equipment, contaminated seed and fill material are the primary sources for unintentional long distance spread.

PRIMARY THREAT: Threatens species at risk; dominates understory in semi-open and open habitats.

DID YOU KNOW?

The shiny geranium flowers appear intermixed with the leaves, rather than above them.



REPORT BC PRIORITY SPECIES

www.reportaweedbc.ca

1-888-WEEDSBC



DISTRIBUTION IN BC

B.C. confirmed sites are limited to the Greater Victoria area.

(For shiny geranium look-alikes, see over)



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm

Shiny Geranium (*Geranium lucidum*) Look-Alikes



Ben Legler



G. molle (dovesfoot)



G. robertianum (herb Robert)



G. dissectum (crane's bill)

	<i>G. lucidum</i> (shiny geranium)	<i>G. molle</i> (dovesfoot)	<i>G. robertianum</i> (herb Robert)	<i>G. dissectum</i> (crane's bill)
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidney-shaped outline • Glossy • Divided into 5-7 broad coarsely toothed lobes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kidney-shaped outline • Divided into 5-7 broad coarsely toothed lobes • Few basal leaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triangular outline • Pinnately divided into 3-5 segments, cleft half their length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rounded outline • Palmately divided into 5-7 segments • Deeply cleft nearly to base into linear segments • Spreading hairy • Few basal leaves
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, smooth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red, stiff, hairy ("fuzzy") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreading, hairy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stiff, hairy
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepals hairless, keeled • Petals rounded at the tips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sepals slightly shorter than petals, tips abruptly pointed • Petals shallowly notched at the tips • Soft-hairy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petals rounded at the tips • Sepals 6-9mm long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petals shallowly notched at the tips • Sepals equal to petals, bristle-tipped
General				