

# Shiny Geranium (*Geranium lucidum*)



Shiny geranium is native to Eurasia and has very happily found a home in the Pacific Northwest. This low growing annual prefers shady woodland areas but can also be found in open grasslands. Shiny geranium is most widespread in the Willamette Valley but occasionally found in southern Washington.

## Identification

- Pink, 5-petaled flowers bloom from April to July. The flowers grow in pairs on small stems. At the base of the flower, sepals stick out with noticeable cross-ribs.
- Leaves are shiny and round, containing 5-7 lobes.
- Stems are smooth and red, growing up to 20 inches tall.

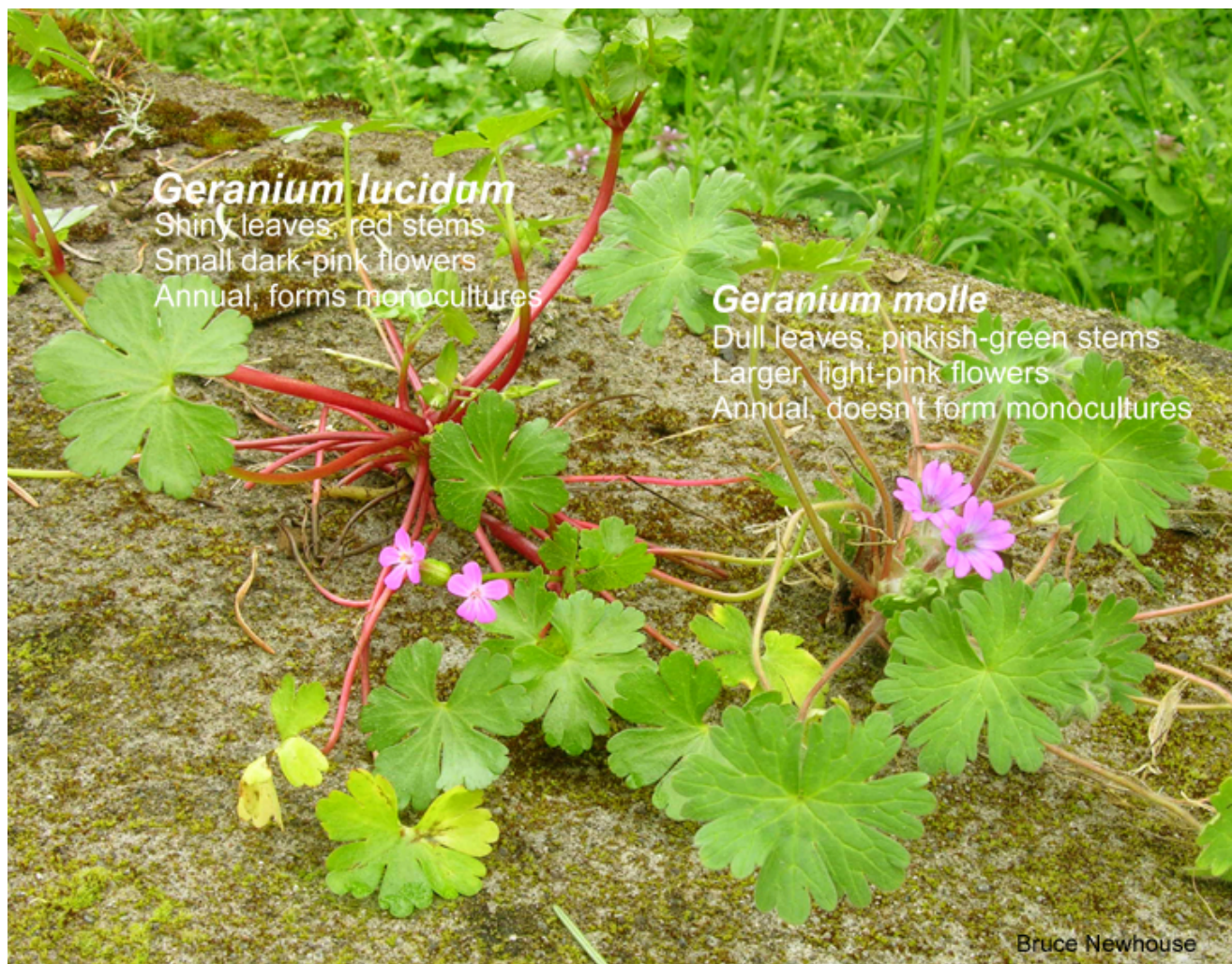


## Similar looking species

Shiny geranium looks most similar to dovefoot geranium (*Geranium molle*) with a few key differences:

- Dovefoot geranium leaves aren't shiny and fuzzy.
- Dovefoot geranium flower petals are deeply notched so the flower appears to have ten petals rather than five.
- Dovefoot geranium stems have significantly less red coloration.

Shiny geranium also looks similar to herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*) but with very different leaves. Herb Robert leaves are very lacy and the plant is covered in short hairs.





## Shiny geranium



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## Dovefoot geranium



## Sources

- King County Gov. (<https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/weed-identification/shiny-geranium.aspx>)
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