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## Redstem filaree

*Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Hér. ex Ait.

### Life cycle

Prostrate, fernlike winter annual or biennial.

### Leaves

Leaves are hairy and compound with deeply cut leaflets that give a featherlike or fernlike appearance. Leaves initially develop from a dense basal rosette and stem leaves are opposite and sparse. Leaves usually have a grayish



One-seeded fruit section of redstem filaree.



Redstem filaree rosette.

**Geraniaceae (Geranium family)**

## Redstem filaree *continued*

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### **Stems**

Hairy, semierect stems arise from a prostrate, basal rosette.

### **Flowers and fruit**

Pink or purple flowers with five petals are found clustered at the ends of long stalks. Fruit are long, beaklike capsules with five sections; each section contains a seed with a spirally twisted, corkscrew tail at maturity.

### **Reproduction**

Seeds.



Redstem filaree flowers and fruit.