

## Fact Sheet: Erodium

### Erodium Cicutarium

Erodium, also known as Crows Foot or Common Stork Bill, is an annual herbaceous weed of pasture and crops. Seedlings develop a clustered rosette similar to that of Capeweed, before developing reddish stems and growing more upright. Erodium can out compete beneficial grasses and plants at the seedling stage due to the thick leaf cover of the rosette and the ability to grow up and over seedling grasses and smother them out.

Although Erodium is palatable, in higher quantities it can be toxic causing photosensitivity in sheep. The spiked seeds can also injure stock, particularly when caught in the eyes and between the toes.

Hormone herbicides provide good control of young plants. Older plants are harder to control and relatively tolerant to glyphosate.

For more information and advice on identification and control please contact the Local Land Services, Yass Valley Council Biosecurity Weeds Officer or your local agronomist.



Examples of Erodium growing

