

# Have you seen this invasive plant?

**Shiny geranium** is a small winter annual with small, pink flowers that is a relatively new invader to Washington's woodlands.

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Shiny geranium resembles other weedy geranium species, such as dovefoot geranium, but there are a few easy ways to help tell it apart. Shiny geranium (below) has smooth, hairless stems that are often tinged with red or magenta. Dovefoot geranium stems are usually fuzzy.



Flowers are small and have 5 pink petals. Each of the 5 bright green sepals, just below the petals, has a distinctive ridge (left). Dovefoot geranium petals are notched, and the sepals lack ridges and are round and fuzzy (right).



Shiny geranium leaves are glossy and are divided into 5-7 sections with lobed edges (left). Dovefoot geranium leaves look similar but are dull and fuzzy (right). Touch them - dovefoot feels velvety and shiny geranium feels smooth.



## Why is shiny geranium (*Geranium lucidum*) a noxious weed?

- This Class A noxious weed can spread very quickly and can crowd out the many important native herbaceous plants that grow in the forest understory.

## Where do you find shiny geranium?

- The largest known populations are in Clark and Skagit counties, but isolated infestations have recently been discovered in other western Washington counties.
- It is found in well-shaded, moist woodlands and thrives in forest clearings.

## What can you do?

- Learn to identify this invasive plant.
- Please note that eradication of this plant is required in Washington State. Small infestations can easily be hand-pulled and discarded in the trash.
- Help prevent the spread of this and other noxious weeds by cleaning off boots and hiking/camping gear.
- Report any sightings to your county noxious weed control board or to [noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov](mailto:noxiousweeds@agr.wa.gov).

