

Erodium cicutarium (L.) L'Hér. (*Geraniaceae*)

Achene.

General shape: pointed spindle-shaped

Normal size: 4 - 5mm L x 1 mm W x 1 mm D

Color: reddish-brown

Texture: smooth, the coat covered with short hairs.

Distinguishing features: this species can be found with or without coat.

Achene spindle-shaped, with a beak of 10-25mm (spirally twisted at the base and falcate at its top).

Surface abundantly covered with short hairs, except the beak, that bears long and sparse hairs.

The seed enclosed is oblong, smooth, light brown colored.

Embryo: curved, cotyledons plicate.



Seeds of *Erodium cicutarium*



Seeds under magnification

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