

# School-to-Nature

## Wild Geranium (Wildflower)



- Plant Size: 1 – 2 ½ feet tall
- Flowers in April and May, pale pink to lilac flowers with 5 petals. The plant has large 5-lobed toothed leaves.
- It makes seeds but spreads mainly through rhizomes underground.
- The nectar and pollen attract butterflies and bees, and flies. Moth caterpillars feed on the flower buds and foliage.
- Used in herbal medicine as an astringent, causing contraction of tissues and stopping bleeding. The Mesquakie Indians brewed a geranium-root tea for toothaches and painful nerves.
- Grows mostly in woodland edges or clearings in partial or mostly sunny areas, in moist to medium soils.
- SEEN AT CC: Tabor Woods, King's Corner, Trout Ponds Prairie, and Short Road Trailhead.