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*Geranium phaeum*

[Synonyms : *Geranium x monacense* ‘Mourning Widow’]

**DUSKY CRANE’S-BILL** is a perennial. Native to central and southern Europe it has small nodding, blackish-purple flowers often with pointed petals and a paler centre.

It is also known as Black widow, *Brauner Storchschnabel* (German), *Brunnäva* (Swedish), *Kakost hnědočervený* (Czech), Mourning widow, *Pakost* (Slovak), and *Pig yr Aran Dulwyd* (Welsh).

The flowers are pollinated by bees.

*Phaeum* is derived from Greek *phaeo-* (dark, dusky) component meaning ‘dusky or dark-coloured’.