

It is therefore important that we protect a very good example of the type of shoreline on which endemic *D. willana* is the ecologically dominant species. On land we have land reserves for red tussock, for rimu and even ranunculus. Several sites along the Otago and Southland coasts and on Stewart Island would be ideal candidates for protecting this endemic and dominant kelp and the flora and fauna that lives within the forests of Mrs Willa's *Durvillaea* kelp.

## Botanical Art Feature

### *Geranium* 'Von'

Janet Atkinson, 2004 Art competition.

In 1993 Tony Druce found a little white root in with a specimen he was potting up from a botanising trip in Otago. He potted the root separately and up came this little geranium, which he nicknamed *Geranium* 'Von', as it was from a kettle hole or from boggy habitat surrounding a tarn in the Von valley. Plants grown from that specimen have flourished and spread in the gardens of several botanists since then, but no one has yet, despite intense searching (especially this summer), found a wild specimen of this particular new native geranium.



"Geranium Von"  
(nickname - not yet described  
by taxonomists) Feb 2004.

Sketch of *Geranium* "Von" by Janet Atkinson. Her colour painting of the same specimen can be seen on the BSO website, along with the other entries in the inaugural Audrey Eagle Botanical Drawing competition. See: <http://www.botany.otago.ac.nz/bso>