

Phenolic Acids and Depsides from Some Species of the *Erodium* Genera

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Six natural polyphenolic compounds, brevifolin carboxylic acid, brevifolin, ellagic acid, methyl gallate, gallic acid and protocatechuic acid have been isolated from the methanol extract of the whole plant of *Erodium cicutarium* (L.) L'Hérit. (*Geraniaceae*). Structures were determined by conventional methods of analysis and confirmed by MS and NMR spectral analysis. The distribution of these compounds in the other species of the *Erodium* genera (*E. botrys*, *E. chium*, *E. ciconium*, *E. cicutarium*, *E. glutinosum* subsp. *dunense*, *E. gruinum*, *E. manescavi*, *E. pelargoniflorum*, *E. petraeum*) were examined by HPLC with a RP-18 column, and MGD-TLC methods on unmodified silica gel and silica gel chemically modified with polar and nonpolar groups (HPTLC-Si 60 LiChrospher, HPTLC-NH₂, HPTLC-DIOL, HPTLC RP-18W).