

SPECIES Ipomoea pes-caprae

COMMON NAME Beach or Goat's Foot Morning Glory

ORIGIN Florida, USA

DESIGN USE Massing in large scale landscapes, spill-over plant over walls & sand stabilizer



HEIGHT

20-50cm

SPREAD

5-20m, indefinite

HABIT

Creeping vine with long trailing stems.

FORM

Its trailing stems interweaves across the ground surface into a dense mat.

FLOWERS

Soft, delicately creepy in texture despite its exposed habitat, mauve pink, opening during morning only.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Almost all year long, peaking from May through November.

FRUIT

Four seeds per fruit are produced. Seeds are brown in color.

VARIATIONS

An unnamed form found on some beaches has bigger brighter green leaves, less notched at the tips, with contrasting rhubarb red stems.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

It is most commonly found as a pioneering species on tropical beaches, growing just above the high tide line. As a pantropical species, is well adapted to high temperature conditions. It also thrives in both seasonally dry areas, and in areas that receive heavy rains.

HORTICULTURE

Prefers full sun and excellent drainage, but accepts part shade. Tolerates hot sun, wind and salt spray, and drought once established.

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