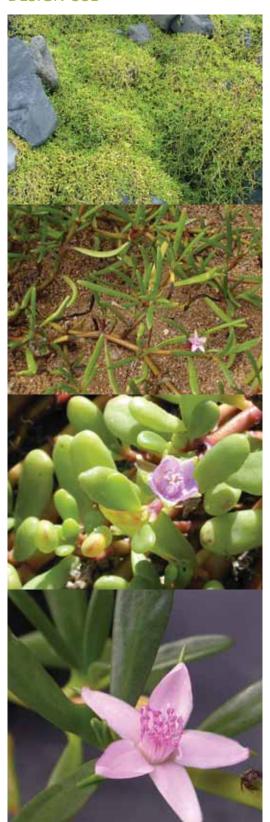


SPECIES
COMMON NAME
ORIGIN

Sesuvium portulacastrum Green Ice Plant, Sea Purslane

Coastal areas worldwide

DESIGN USE Sand dune fixation, desert greenification, landscaping and ornamental uses



## HEIGHT

0.1-0.3m

## **SPREAD**

0.5-2m

### **HABIT**

Prostrate herb, the trailing stems root at the nodes to form a dense mat.

## **FLOWERS**

Pale mauve-pink, 5-petaled, star shaped in leaf axis.

## **FLOWERING PERIOD**

May to November

#### **FRUIT**

Fruit capsules (about ½ inch long) bearing shiny black seeds.

## **VARIATIONS**

This pan tropical sp. Appears different in humid tropical areas with more open growth and larger leaves 4-6cm long. They often turn deep red under certain conditions.

# **CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

In its natural habitat of beaches and saltpan margins, this halophyte tolerates heat, sun, wind and occasional tidal inundation.

## **HORTICULTURE**

In cultivation it seems to require full sun and perfect drainage with supplementary irrigation during prolonged drought. As its succulent stems and foliage are somewhat brittle, it can handle only occasional or light foot traffic.

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