PLANT FACT SHEET

Disphyma australe (Soland. ex Aiton) J.M. Black

GENUS *Disphyma* **FAMILY** Aizoaceae

COMMON NAMES Round-leaved Pigface, Moonflower

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A plant that keeps growing from year to year. It grows 50 cm high and spreads 50 cm wide. The stems are succulent and red. They form mats. The leaves are bright green and triangle shaped in cross section. They are 2 cm long. The flowers are pink and at the ends of the branches. The flowers open in the middle of the day.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It does best in light, well-drained soil. It needs an open, sunny position. It is resistant to drought and frost. It can grow near beaches on pure sand.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 3 Disphyma species.

The reference by Curtis may be incorrect.

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