PLANT FACT SHEET

Disphyma crassifolium (L.) L. Bolus

GENUS *Disphyma* **FAMILY** Aizoaceae

COMMON NAMES Rounded noon-flower, Round-leaved Pig Face

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers, Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A herb which lies along the ground. It is soft and succulent. It can spread 1-2 m wide. It can form dense mats over the ground. The branches root at the nodes. The leaves are sausage shaped. They are fleshy. They are 2-3 cm long and rounded in cross section. They can be red. The flowers are 1-5 cm across. They are light purple with some white colour. The fruit is a capsule which becomes dry and hard at maturity.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in drier sandy parts of salt marshes and on cliffs. It grows in coastal locations and up to 500 km inland. It can tolerate drought and frost. It does well on salty soils. It needs good drainage.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from stem or leaf cuttings. It can also be grown from seed. Cuttings form roots quickly.

NOTES

There are 3 Disphyma species.

PICTURES



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