PLANT FACT SHEET

Spergularia rubra (L.) J. & C. Presl.

GENUS *Spergularia* **FAMILY** Caryophyllaceae

COMMON NAMES Red Sand Spurrey, Sand spurry

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It can continue growing for some years. It grows 5-20 cm high. It often lies along the ground. The leaves are 3-10 mm long and 1 mm wide. They are narrow and sword shaped. There are membrane like stipules near the base of the leaves. The flowers are pink and about 5 mm across. They are clustered at the ends of stems. The seeds do not have wings.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in sands, salty soils, forests, shallow watersides at ca. 800 m altitude in China. Tasmania Herbarium.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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