PLANT FACT SHEET

Carpobrotus glaucescens (Haw.) Schwantes

GENUS *Carpobrotus* **FAMILY** Aizoaceae

COMMON NAMES Pigface, Angular pigface, Coastal Noonflower, Iceplant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves, Flowers

The leaves and pulp of the ripe fruit are edible. They have a salty taste.

DESCRIPTION

A spreading succulent plant. It keeps growing from year to year and creeps over the ground. The stems are reddish brown. The leaves are opposite and 3 sided. They are fleshy. The leaves can be curved inwards. They are 3.5-10 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The flowers are daisy like. The petals are light purple becoming white towards the centre. They are 4-6 cm across. The fruit is fleshy and oblong. It is purple or red and 2-3 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide.

HABITAT

It grows in tropical and subtropical places. It grows in coastal areas of Queensland on sand dunes. It can withstand dry periods. It can tolerate salt spray. It grows on coastal cliffs.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed, cuttings or division of the stem.

NOTES

There are about 25 Carpobrotus species. Also put in the family Mesembryanthemaceae.

PICTURES



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