PLANT FACT SHEET

Calandrinia balonensis Lindley

GENUS *Calandrinia* **FAMILY** Montiaceae

COMMON NAMES Broad leafed Parakeelya, Rock Purslane

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves, Roots

The whole plant is baked and the leaves eaten.
The seeds are ground and made into bread.

DESCRIPTION

A small annual succulent herb. It grows 10-30 cm high and spreads 50-100 cm wide. The flower stems sticks upwards and does not have leaves. The leaves are flat and 4-12 cm long. by 1-2 cm wide. They are sword shaped. The flowers are usually pinkish-purple. They have 5 petals. The flowers are 2.5 cm across. The fruit are small cone shaped capsules. The capsule has 3 valves. They have many small seeds.

HABITAT

They are tropical and subtropical plants. It grows in arid parts of Australia. It grows in a range of locations on a variety of soils. It needs well drained soil. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are between 50-100 Calandrinia species.
It has also been put in the family Portulacaceae.

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