

Botanical Name: Cistanthe grandiflora (Calandrinia grandiflora)

Common Name: Rock purslane, Redmaids

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Portulacaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape tender succulent perennial often grown as an annual; rosettes
of pinkish gray leaves are topped by magenta flowers held high above

Height 18 to 24" Spread to 18" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil tolerates any well-drained soil; likes sandy conditions

Hardiness tender to cold (zones 22-24) but mostly used as an annual

Morphology:

Leaves thickened succulent leaves to 3" long with pinkish gray
coloration; leaves nearly cylindrical, arranged in loose rosettes

Flowers bright magenta, cup-like flowers held high above foliage;
flowers to 1" across, formed in loose clusters

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings, seed

Usage: useful in rock gardens, mixed with other succulents; can
be used as a bright border or edging plant

Landscape Care:

Watering keep somewhat dry; dislikes heavy soils and heavy irrigation

Fertilizing generally none needed

Pruning pinch frequently to keep from sprawling and tipping over

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other

Origin: Chile