

Botanical Name: Malephora lutea

Common Name: Yellow trailing iceplant

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, trailing to somewhat mounded habit, densely branched
with tiny succulent foliage

Height 6-12" Spread 1-2' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil tolerates most, except wet clay

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-24); best in warm locations

Morphology:

Leaves modified pinnate, succulent, narrowly oblong-cylindrical,
light green, 1/4 to 1/2" long

Flowers bright yellow, many stamened, 1/2-1" across, solitary,
scattered stalks, 2-3" high -- April-June, intermittent

Fruit fleshy capsule, 1/2" across

Propagation: seed, soft/semihardwood cuttings

Usage: ground cover for small area, warm locations, succulent
borders, low facer -- not recommended for large scale erosion control

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little after established

Pruning none required; tip back occasionally to keep in bounds

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Aizoaceae