

Botanical Name: Lampranthus spectabilis

Common Name: Trailing iceplant (several varieties)

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very low trailing-prostrate plant, clusters of fleshy

leaves at nodes, stems and leaves dotted/glandular

Height 6-12" Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers sandy soils, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 12-24); prefers warm sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves modified pinnate: finger shaped, gray-green, opposite,

short lateral branchlets, conspicuously glandular, 1/4-1/2" long

Flowers pink, rose, red, purple or orange, solitary, terminal

flowers on short branchlets, many slender petals, 1/2-3/4" wide--late winter

Fruit 1/4" wide fleshy capsule

Propagation: softwood and semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent low carpet forming ground cover, prized for its

spectacular flower display and drought tolerance, good for steep slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering occasional deep soak, drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing little required

Pruning head back ends to keep in bounds

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Aizoaceae