

Botanical Name: Portulaca grandiflora

Common Name: Portulaca, Moss Rose

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character spring annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape trailing, low-growing, succulent bedding plant--forms

a fairly dense mat of foliage and flowers

Height to 6" Spread to 18" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil any soil--performs best in well-drained soil

Hardiness tender to frost--very heat tolerant

Morphology:

Leaves cylindrical, to 1" long succulent--stems usually tinted red

Flowers variously colored, to 1" wide, 4-6 petals, double varieties

resemble rose flowers

Fruit capsule to 1-1/2" wide

Propagation: seed--usually sown in place

Usage: good on hot, dry banks, parkways or rock gardens--well

suited to small beds or hanging baskets--self sows in many areas

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought but prefers occasional watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting, monthly feedings of N

Pruning none

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions none

Origin: South America Family: Portulacaceae