

Botanical Name: Aptenia cordifolia

Common Name: Red apple iceplant

Type of Plant: dicot: groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape thick, fleshy groundcover forming a spreading dense mat -
blooming heavily in spring and summer

Height 2" - 4" Spread 2' - 3' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun - less bloom in shade

Soil prefers well-drained soil

Hardiness tender (zones 17, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, 4-ranked, ovate, 1-3" long, thick and
fleshy

Flowers red-purple, 1" wide, singly along stem with many short,
erect stamens

Fruit small 4-celled capsule

Propagation: softwood cuttings, seed

Usage: good fast-growing groundcover; useful on slopes, growing
over walls, in hanging pots - very effective in small landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back occasionally to keep in bounds

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Aizoaceae