

Botanical Name: Carpobrotus chilensis

Common Name: Sea Fig

Type of Plant: dicot: groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a succulent, prostrate, wide-spreading plant, with the stems tending to root at the nodes; the distinctive fleshy leaves point upward from the stem

Height 6-12" Spread indefinite Growth Rate mod-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor thrives in full sun, tolerates partial at warm sites

Soil prefers sandy locales, can grow in most soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 12-24); best suited for warm coast

Morphology:

Leaves fleshy, modified pinnate: conspicuously 3-sided, banana-shaped, full green; opposite, 2-3" long

Flowers rosy purple, showy, 2-3" wide, with many narrow petals; solitary; March-July

Fruit a capsule, 1" wide

Propagation: softwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent large-scale ground cover, valued for its durability (drought-tolerance) and distinctive foliage; best for warm dry open areas, gentle slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; becomes drought tolerant after established

Fertilizing none required

Pruning head back to keep in bounds

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions becomes invasive if over-watered

Origin: CA to ORE Family: Aizoaceae