

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flower and leaves. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Narooma Headland



Flowering plant. Photographer Don Wood, Narooma foreshore

## Common name

Baby Sun Rose, Heartleaf Ice Plant

## Family

Aizoaceae

## Where found

Garden **escape**. **Forest**, **woodland**, **shrubland**, disturbed sites, wetland margins, and rocky areas. Coastal. Sydney area. Rarely elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced spreading** or **scrambling perennial** herb to 0.25 m tall, forming mats to about 1 m diameter. Stems and leaves fleshy. Stems rounded or 4-angled in cross section, warty. Leaves opposite each other or **alternating** up the stems, 0.8–2.6 cm long, 5–18 mm wide, bases **cordate**. Flowers about 15 mm in diameter, pink to purple, with many '**petals**', fused for most of their length. Flowers single. Flowers usually open midday to early afternoon. Flowers Summer to Autumn.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Aptenia-cordifolia> (accessed 3 January, 2021)

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