

# Sesuvium portulacastrum

## (Sea Purslane)

Sea purslane is a ground cover plant, best grown on full sun and sandy soil. It takes very well heat and drought.



Plant Image

### Landscape Information

<b>Pronunciation:</b> sess-SOO-vee-um por-too-luh-KASS-strum
<b>Plant Type:</b> Groundcover
<b>Origin:</b> Africa, Asia, Australia
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
<b>Uses:</b> Mass Planting, Medicinal, Ground cover
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Fast
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Spreading
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> Less than 0.5 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> Less than 50 cm
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite

**Leaf Venation:** Nearly Invisible

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Linear

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Fleshy/Juicy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Purple, Pink

**Seasons:** Year Round

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Fall

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Leaf Image

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## Horticulture Management

### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** No pruning at all

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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Fruit Image