Aptenia cordifolia

(Baby Sunrose)

Aptenia cordifolia is a ground cover with dark green foliage and bright red, aster-like tiny flowers.The plant is a tender succulent, creeping perennial.The flowers are attracting butterflies. The plant need full sun to grow and can stand drought. It can tolerate light frost.

Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Ficoïde à feuilles en cœur

Pronounciation: ap-TEE-nee-uh kor-dif-FOLE-ee-uh

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: South Africa

Heat Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Container, Erosion control, Street, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 1 to 2 Years

Notes
If soil is kept too moist, roots can rot, causing poor growth, chlorosis and plant death.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite
Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible
Leaf Persistance: Evergreen
Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: Less than 5
Leaf Shape: Cordate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Glossy
Leaf Scent: No Fragance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3
Flower Type: Solitary
Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)
Flower Scent: No Fragance
Flower Color: Red, Pink
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No
Heat Tolerant: Yes
Drought Tolerant: Yes
Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand
Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic
Water Requirements: Low
Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes
Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes
Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No
Surface Rooting: No
Life Span: Less than 25
Edible Parts: None
Plant Propagations: Cutting, Division

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