

Portulaca grandiflora

(Moss Rose)

Moss Rose is a annual succulent, that grows in summer colorful flowers, usually pink, orange, red, white or purple. The bright green leaves are linear, needle-like, and fleshy.

Moss rose must grow in full sun, and in well-drained soil for best flowering.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Pourpier à grandes fleurs
Arabic Name: رجلة الزهور-بورتلاكا
Pronunciation: por-tew-LAH-kah gran-dih-FLOOR-ah
Plant Type: Groundcover, Cactus / Succulent
Origin: Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses: Border Plant, Container, Ground cover
Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Upright
Canopy Texture: Fine
Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m
Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm
Notes
Attracts bees and butterflies.

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

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: 3 - 7

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Orange, Red, Purple, White, Pink

Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Aphids

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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