

## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Dichondra repens* (Convolvulaceae)

**Kidney Weed**

**Size:** Prostrate.

**Flowering:** October-December.

**Habitat:** Usually found in moist situations in woodland and grassland. Also on sand dunes.

**Description:** Mat-forming herb with bright green kidney-shaped leaves.

**Propagation:** Seed or division very easy.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Kennedia prostrata* (Fabaceae)

Running Postman

**Size:** Groundcover.

**Flowering:** June–  
October.

**Habitat:** Widespread  
and often locally  
common in a variety of  
habitats particularly  
plentiful after a fire.

**Description:** Prostrate  
or rarely twining sub-  
shrub; stems to 2m long  
or more. Leaves trifoli-  
ate, flowers red pea  
shape and seed pro-  
duced in a typical pea  
type pod.

**Propagation:** Treat  
seed with near boiling  
water to stimulate ger-  
mination, which occurs usually within 2-4 weeks.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Pelargonium australe* (Geraniaceae)

Austral Stork's-bill

**Size:** To 50cm high.

**Flowering:** October-February

**Habitat:** Widespread in a variety of habitats, particularly along the coast.

**Description:** Perennial fleshy root with typical geranium shaped leaves and flowers.

**Propagation:** Grown by seed or by cuttings.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Scaevola albida* (Goodeniaceae)

Coast Fan-flower

**Size:** To 50 cm high.

**Flowering:** October-January.

**Habitat:** Grows in near coastal habitats in sandy soil.

**Description:** Perennial herb, often forming mats. Leaves 0.5-5 cm long, usually toothed. Flowers fan-shaped and pink or white in colour.

**Propagation:** Grown by seed, which can take 8-12 weeks to germinate. Easy by cuttings



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

***Senecio pinnatifolius* var. *maritimus*** (Asteraceae)

**Variable Groundsel**

(syn. *Senecio lautus* subsp. *maritimus* and *Senecio pinnatifolius* var. 2)

**Size:** To 30cm high.

**Flowering:** August-  
November.

**Habitat:** Found scattered in  
primary dune scrub along  
sandy coastline and ex-  
posed coastal cliffs.

**Description:** Usually rhizo-  
matous perennial herb,  
leaves 3-60 mm long, ovate  
to obovate, entire or  
toothed, or pinnatifid. A very  
variable plant.

**Propagation:** By cutting or  
seed. surface sow seed, use  
capillary watering as it is  
prone to damping off.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Stackhousia spathulata* (Stackhousiaceae)

Coast Stackhousia

**Conservation Status:** k.

**Size:** To 30cm.

**Flowering:** July-January.

**Habitat:** Primary dune scrub.

**Description:** Erect perennial with thick green fleshy leaves with blunt ends and spikes of cream densely crowded tubular flowers. Requires well drained soils and is often found growing close to or on the beach.

**Propagation:** By cuttings



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Stylidium graminifolium* (Stylidiaceae)

Grass Trigger-plant

**Size:** 20-110 cm high.

**Flowering:** October-January.

**Habitat:** Widespread almost from the coast to the alps. In SW Victoria, it occurs in sandy soil in the lowlands and foothills and sclerophyll forests.

**Description:** Perennial with grass like basal leaves and long spike of pink flowers.

**Propagation:** Seed may have 2-3 month after-ripening period. Surface sow seed using bog method.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Tetragonia implexicoma* (Aizoaceae)

Bower Spinach

**Size:** Prostrate or trailing shrub.

**Flowering:** September-December.

**Habitat:** Common along the coast, occasionally extending inland along saline watercourses.

**Description:** Clusters of thick, green broadly-lanceolate leaves. Scented single flowers are small and yellow in colour.

Succulent red berries turn black when ripe. Leaves are edible.

Requires well-drained soil.

**Propagation:** By cuttings or fresh seed.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Veronica gracilis* (Scrophulariaceae)

Slender Speedwell

**Size:** To 30cm.

**Flowering:** September-December.

**Habitat:** Widespread in grassy wetland, riparian scrub, red gum woodland, sclerophyll forest and tea-tree heath.

**Description:** Slender, erect or trailing herb with pairs of bright green, narrow lanceolate leaves. Mauve to pale blue cup shape flowers with darker veins occur in small axillary clusters. Requires moist well-drained conditions.

**Propagation:** By cutting.



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Viola hederacea* (Violaceae)

**Size:** Low mat forming plant.

**Flowering:** Most of the year.

**Habitat:** Widespread, in sheltered, moist habitats.

**Description:** A highly variable species with kidney shaped leaves and typical violet flowers, white and purple in colour on a stem to 9cm.

**Propagation:** Easy by division.

Ivy-leaf Violet



## HERBS & WILDFLOWERS

*Zygophyllum billardierei* (Zygophyllaceae)

Coast Twin-leaf

**Conservation Status:** r.

**Size:** Scrambling semi-prostrate plant, requires plenty of room to roam.

**Flowering:** July-December.

**Habitat:** Found on coastal dunes and limestone cliffs usually in scrubby vegetation in sandy well drained soils.

**Description:** Scrambling perennial with succulent oblong green leaves and 4-petalled yellow flowers 2-3 cm in diameter. Seeds formed in a capsule. Suitable for exposed conditions.

