

## Carpobrotus rossii

## Karkalla







(Cox, G, iNaturalist Australia)

(Strong, B, Nature Share)

(Seeds of South Australia)

Form: Ground cover Height: 0.1 – 0.1 m Spread: 1 – 2 m Flowers: Purple Type: Open-petalled Flowering time: Spring, Winter

**Ecological functions:** §





Soils: sand, clay or loam; acidic, alkaline or neutral

**Seed collecting:** collect mature fruits, those that are fat and turning red with brown seeds inside.

**Seed treatment:** none

**Sowing requirements:** press seed onto damp soil and cover with a layer of gravel. Sow in Spring or Autumn. Requires well-drained soil.

**Position:** full sun, part shade.

**Supplementary watering:** none

**Uses:** sand and soil binding plant for foreshores, embankments, coastal reserves and parks. Fruits and leaves eaten raw or cooked by indigenous peoples.

**Germination rate:** 2 to 4 weeks

**Notes:** fire retardant as per SA Country Fire Service. Grows from cuttings.