



Enchylaena tomentosa

Ruby Saltbush



(Seeds of South Australia)



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Form: *Groundcover*

Height: *0.3 - 1 m*

Spread: *0.5 - 1.5 m*

Flowers: *Insignificant*

Flowering time: *Summer, Autumn, Winter*

Ecological functions:



Soils: *Clay, loam, sand, acidic, alkaline, neutral*

Germination rate: *1 to 4 weeks*

Seed collecting: Collect ripe berries and ensure they are fully dry before sowing. Dried fruit can also be collected directly from the ground under the plant. In the garden sprinkle dried berries where you wish them to grow.

Seed treatment: None.

Sowing requirements: Cover seeds with 2 mm of damp soil and firm gently, then cover with a layer of fine gravel.

Position: Full sun, part shade.

Supplementary watering: None.

Uses: Very hardy low shrub, tolerant of coastal locations. Ideal in rockeries and as understory plant for trees and to suppress weeds. The sweet and salty flavor of berries is perfect for enjoying straight from the plant.

Notes: Fire retardant. Responds well to pruning.