

Crassula colorata var. acuminata

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished from the other members of *Crassula* Sect. *Glomertae* by the 5-merous (5 petals) flowers and the distinctly tuberculate bases of the fruiting follicles.

HABITAT

Short tussock grassland in open ground that dries out in summer

GENUS

Crassula

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

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ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1945

ORIGIN

Australia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Probably an accidental introduction on imported Australian Sheep.

TOLERANCES

Tolerant to extreme conditions due to its annual habit.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Short-lived late winter, spring annual. Reproduces by exclusively by seed. Seeds are miniscule and long-lived. Dispersed by wind, water and in soil trapped within vehicle tyres, footwear and animal feet. Also in wool

ETYMOLOGY

crassula: From the Latin *crassus* 'thick', meaning 'rather thick'

colorata: Coloured

acuminata: From the Latin *acumen* 'sharp, acute', refers to something tapering gradually or abruptly from inwardly curved sides into a narrow point

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/crassula-colorata-var-acuminata/>



