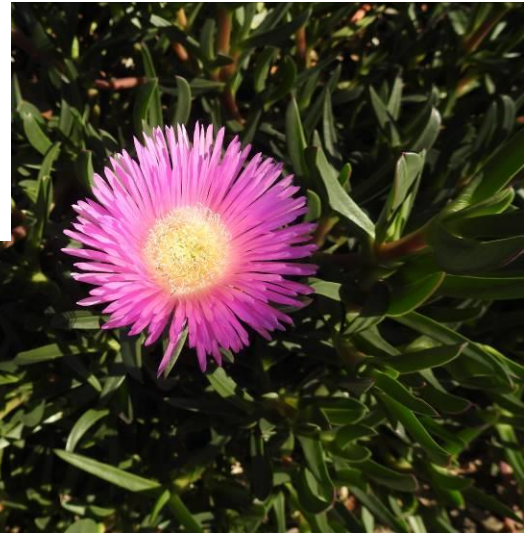
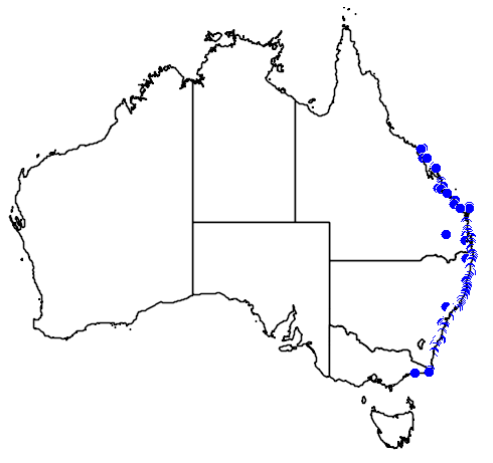
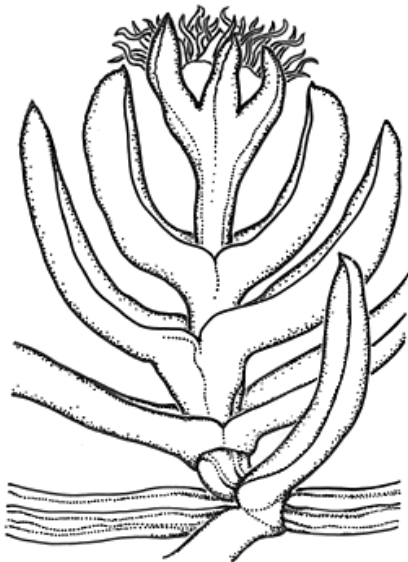


## Aizoaceae

### *Carpobrotus glaucescens* angular pigface

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#### ETYMOLOGY

(car-po-BRO-tus) Greek first meal from carpos = fruit + brotos = edible; The species glaucescens (glaw-KES-sens) greyish blue lustre underside;

#### LIFEFORM

Creeper 2 m long

#### STATUS

Well conserved; Rare in Victoria;

#### OCCURS

Coastal. Central Qld to Vic

#### HABITAT

Dunes, Beaches, Salt Marshes, Headlands

#### TOLERANCES

Full Sun, Well drained soils; Salt, frost and drought tolerant

#### LEAVES

Alternate, 4-10 x 1.5 cm, slightly incurved, thick, glaucous, fleshy, 3-sided, narrow blue-green;

#### FLOWERS

Daisy-like, 5-6 cm, pink, purple, blue, with white base, daisy-like Stamens yellow, 300-400 in 5-6 rows; Drupes, 3 x 1.5 cm, fleshy, cylindrical, crowned by longest perianth lobes 2-3 cm

**Flowering Times:** Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May

#### FRUIT

Drupes, 3 x 1.5 cm, fleshy, cylindrical, crowned by longest perianth lobes 2-3 cm; ribbed; red to purple when ripe, with tusk-like stipules; Seeds numerous; **Fruiting Times:** July, Aug

#### BARK

Rooting at node

#### STEM

Prostrate, succulent perennial, herb, to 1 m wide.

#### ETHNOBOTANY

Edible fruit (raw – ripe when soft) & leaves (cooked); Juices relieve stings (bluebottles), burns and scalds. Juice from leaves taken internally for diarrhoea & mild diuretic; Gargle for sore throats. Use for Beach revegetation, Eaten by Wallabies; During drought birds will feed on succulent stems as a source of fluids;

#### BIRD

rock parrot, torresian crow;

**INDIGENOUS USES** Fruit relished eaten raw; Used medicinal, crushed roots boiled & applied to skin for sores and general sickness Leaves cooked used as emergency food for Aboriginal people;

#### ID FEATURE

Leaves equilateral near middle; Flowers with several rows of showy magenta petals numerous yellow stamens 300-400 on central disc;