

**\**Carpobrotus edulis***

(L.) N.E.Br.

**PIGFACE****Flowering period:** June–January.**Description:** Prostrate, succulent perennial to 30 cm high forming large and highly invasive clumps up to 5 m across. Leaves erect, 10–12 cm long, triangular in section and fleshy, dark green. Fruit fleshy, globular and containing numerous small brown seeds in a sticky clear mucilage. Flowers open yellow and fade to pink, distinguishing this species from the native *C. virescens*.**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects, particularly introduced honeybees.**Distribution:** Widespread in coastal areas, particularly near settlements. A highly invasive and persistent species that is often found in highly disturbed coastal sites in primary to secondary dunes.**Control:** Can be controlled with herbicide applications; however, hand-pulling is often the best way to control larger clumps and seedlings.**Notes:** May become particularly troublesome in sites receiving additional water or runoff. Known as freeway plant in the USA where the plant is used to landscape freeway interchanges.

Habit



Fruit



Flowers



Distribution