

Ice Plant

Carpobrotus edulis

The plant stays low to the ground or will cascade over a retaining wall. Flowers are produced on a regular basis. Ice plants are regularly irrigated in the desert, California climate. However, in Florida root rot may be the greatest concern in an irrigated landscape. Try locating it in a place where drainage is exceptionally good (on a sandy ridge, for example) and where irrigation does not reach.

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INFORMATION**

Type: perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 7b through 11

Uses: ground cover

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 6 to 12 inches

Spread: Depends on support structure

Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: sand; loam; acidic; loam

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: aggressive, spreading plant

Pest resistance: very sensitive to one or more pests or diseases which can affect plant health or aesthetics



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