

# Crassula colorata var. acuminata

## FAMILY

Crassulaceae

## AUTHORITY

Crassula colorata var. acuminata (Reader) Toelken

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Short tussock grassland in open ground that dries out in summer

## 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.

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## 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.

## 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/>

