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SALTdeck Series

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Crassula sieberiana

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Alternative name: Sieber Crassula.

Family: Crassulaceae.

Description: Succulent annual with branches to 20 cm long. Leaves grey-brown to reddish, narrow, stalkless, flat above convex below, fleshy to 10 mm long and 4 mm wide. Seeds about 0.5 mm long, smooth or with warts and ridges. Flowers most of year.

Key features: Flowers pale yellow to red.

Value: Abundant winter-spring annual, occasionally in dense colonies where there is little competition. Palatable to stock but is generally a minor component of the available forage and often too short to be effectively grazed. Often grows in habitats that are ephemerally wet and then dry completely.

Salinity and waterlogging tolerance: Moderately tolerant of saline soil and will thrive under intermittent dry and waterlogged conditions.

Notes: Native to all States. A variable species and a comprehensive revision of this plant is in progress.

References: *Flora of Victoria*, Walsh and Entwisle (eds), Vol. 3, 1996. *Flora of NSW*, Harden (ed), Vol. 1, 1990. *Plants of Western NSW*, Cunningham et al., 1981.

