

****Carpobrotus edulis***
Commonly: Pig Face. Hotentot Fig
Vascular Plant Family: Aizoaceae

Flowers late winter to spring

**Carpobrotus edulis* is ground hugging with long stems up to 1.5m in length. It is a native of South Africa but is now widespread through several areas of Western Australia.



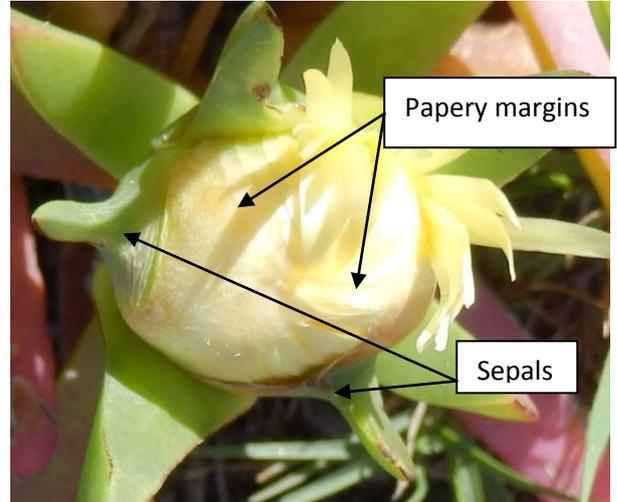
The succulent leaves are over 10cm long and over 1cm wide, triangular in outline and slightly convex on the upper surface.



The single yellow flower occurs at the end of a branch.



There 4 sepals which are obvious in this bud. The papery margins of the inner pair of sepals can be seen covering the emerging flower.



The flowers have no petals but numerous petal-like staminodes (sterile stamens). There are 4-6 whorls of numerous stamens and 10-14 free styles in the centre of the flower.



The fruit is yellowish, globular and up to 3cm wide with the outer sepals spreading (no photograph).

Refer also to Peppy Plants article [Carpobrotus edulis](#)

*Indicates it is a weed