

****Tetragona decumbens***
Commonly: Sea Spinach
Vascular Plant Family: Aizoaceae

Flowers winter and spring

**Tetragona decumbens* is a ground hugging or straggly shrub up to 25cm tall. The stem and leaves are densely warty. It is a native of South Africa but is now well established in coastal dunes.

The flowers are yellow or cream on long warty stems.



There are 4 sepals up to 4mm long, warty on the outside but yellow or cream on the inside but no petals. There are 12 or more stamens, and 4 styles (yellow coloured in the centre of the flower below).

The leaves are thick, fleshy 35mm long and 15mm wide, with recurved margins.



The mature fruit is dry, hard and 4-winged. The 4 wings are obvious in the young fruit.



Obvious warts on leaf surface



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*Indicates it is a weed