

****Cakile maritima***

Commonly: Sea Rocket

Vascular Plant Family: Brassicaceae

Flowers Spring to early autumn

Cakile maritima is a ground-hugging annual herb up to 50cm tall from North America and Europe. It is commonly naturalized on the beach sands and coastal fore dunes.



The leaves are alternate, thick and fleshy up to 100mm long and 40mm wide with toothed or dissected margins.



The flowers are pink to mauve with 4 sepals and petals and 6 stamens. The petals can be up to 10mm long.



The fruit is succulent up to 25mm long, separating into two segments, the upper conical and the lower flat but expanded at the base into 2 horns.



Conical segment

Flat segment with 2 horns

The photograph above is of young fruit and the 2 horns have not as yet expanded.

Refer also to Peppy Plants article [Cakile maritima](#)

*Indicates it is a weed