

****Lysimachia anagallis***

Commonly: Red Pimpernel, Blue Pimpernel.

Vascular Plant Family: Primulaceae

Flowers Late winter to early spring

Lysimachia arvensis is a spreading annual herb up to 5cm tall. It is a native of Europe, Asia and North America.



The petals are 5-6mm long, joined slightly at the base. The margins have minute glandular hairs. The 5 anthers are inserted on the petal tube near its base.



The leaves have no stalk and are opposite each other. They are up to 23.5cm long and 2cm wide.



The fruit is a round capsule which splits open around its circumference. In this photograph the top part of the capsule had been shed.



There are two colour forms, blue and orange, both of which occur at Peppermint Grove Beach.



*Indicates it is a weed