

## Portulaca Grandiflora - Plant



A truly beautiful low growing ground cover type plant is called the portulaca (Portulaca grandiflora), or sometimes known as the sun rose or moss rose.

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Description

### Description for Portulaca Grandiflora

Portulaca flowers are truly beautiful in various garden and landscape settings and have been used to beautify old structures and stone walkways, as they grow well in the old cracks in the structures where winds have deposited just enough soil to support them.

The reddish stems and the bright green leaves are thick and soft and juicy. The leaves are cylindrical, about an inch long, and pointed on the tips.

Portulaca flowers are beautiful growing around the stones of a garden path with their mix of beautiful colours of pink, red, yellow, orange, deep lavender, cream and white.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Moss rose, Nonia, Portulaca	Yellow, orange, red, bright pink, White, and cream color	Summer season, Rainy season	8 inches	Easy to grow

## Planting and care

Portulacas love it hot and dry. You can plant them in poor, even sandy, soil. They also adapt to average garden conditions. Just give them full sun and any well-drained soil. Water them after planting and watch them go. They ll grow 4 to 8 inches high and spread 6 to 18 inches. You don t even have to deadhead.

If plants get scraggly, you can cut them back. Don t fertilize too much; it will encourage plants to produce thick foliage but fewer flowers.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sunlight	Prefer sandy well drained soils.	When they are watered just a light watering will do as their root zone is very shallow.	The plants can also be started indoor at 70 to 85 degrees F (21 to 29 degrees C).	There is no need for fertilizer with the Portulaca, as it will do fine on its own.

## Caring for Portulaca Grandiflora

- Water the plant only when the top of the soil is dry, as portulaca is a drought-tolerant plant that thrives in dry, desert-like soil.
- Fertilize portacula every other week, using a liquid fertilizer with a balanced ratio such as 20-20-20. Alternatively, apply a balanced, slow-release fertilizer in midsummer.
- Pinch off wilted blooms to prevent the plant from self-seeding.
- Check portulaca often for aphids, tiny, green insects that gather on the undersides of the leaves or at the joints of the stems and leaves.

## Typical uses of Portulaca Grandiflora

**Special features:** Moss rose is a beautiful, bright coloured, low growing annual that blooms all summer long with little or no care required. It is one of very few annual succulents.

**Culinary use:** Na

**Ornamental use:** Plant moss rose in a container or hanging basket and let it spill over like a sedum. Use moss rose as edging at the front of borders or in the cracks in a rock wall, or the spaces between stepping stones.

**Medicinal use:** The entire plant is depurative. It is used in the treatment of hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver with ascites, swelling and pain in the pharynx.

The fresh juice of the leaves and stems is applied externally as a lotion to snake and insect bites, burns, scalds and eczema.

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