



Bryophyllum pinnatum

Common Name(s):

air plant

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Grows behind beaches on sand, forming dense stands in open places, also occurs in light shade under forest.

Features:

A succulent that grows to about 1 m tall, with basal rosette. Stem is purple with green flecks, becoming slightly woody. Leaves are fleshy and alternate, coarsely toothed but rounded, edges of leaves are purple. Flowers occur in corymb/raceme and are bell-like and pendulous. Flower has four fused sepals with pointed tips; four fused petals are red and pointed at tip and green at base. Eight stamens with green filaments and purple anthers; four pistils stuck very close together are much shorter than stamen.

Flowering:

November, December, January, February, April, May

For more information, visit:

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Caption: Robinson Crusoe Island, Chile

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