Galienia

**Scientific Name:** *Galenia pubescens*

**Family:** Pigface (*Aizoaceae*)

**Status:** Native to South Africa. Naturalised in Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and New South Wales.

**Plant Description:** Prostrate to weakly ascending perennial to 60 cm high, forming mats or mounds to 1.6 m diameter. Leaves semi-succulent and papilllose (with pimple-like covering), hairy, obovate to spatular shaped, 4-25 mm long and 2-18 mm wide, flat or slightly folded with a slightly recurved apex.

Flowers of 5 perianth segments (flower-like bracts), 2-3 mm long, hairy on the outside but hairless and white to pink on the inside. Fruit a cup-shaped, strongly angular capsule containing a dark-brown seed.

**Habitat:** Common in coastal areas around Melbourne and Geelong on beach sand and saltmarsh. Also growing inland on dryish and somewhat saline areas on wasteland and roadsides.

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**Comments:** Galenia is in the Pigface family (*Aizoaceae*) but has different-looking flowers to those normally associated with them.