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Nama demissum

NAMA is an annual. Native to the Mojave and Colorado Deserts of North America, it has small dark red-purple flowers.

It is also known as Bellyflower, and Purple mat.

Demissum is derived from Latin *demisse* (low, near the ground) meaning ‘weak, drooping, lowly, humble or hanging down’.

The common name Bellyflower (given to other plants too) is said to have pragmatic origins in that it indicates the need to lie prone on the ground in order to examine the plant as it is so very small.