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Oxalis articulata

[Synonyms : *Acetosella articulata*, *Acetosella platensis*, *Oxalis articulata* subsp. *nodulosa*, *Oxalis dumicola*, *Oxalis floribunda*, *Oxalis guttata*, *Oxalis halophila*, *Oxalis lasiopetala*, *Oxalis platensis*, *Oxalis rivalis*]

PINK OXALIS is a perennial. Native to Paraguay it has small, purple-pink flowers.

It is also known as Jointed woodsorrel, *Lyckoklöver* (Swedish), and Pink-sorrel.

Warning – some authorities believe pink oxalis could be poisonous if taken in large amounts.

Articulata is derived from Latin *articuli* (joint, knuckle) meaning ‘jointed’.

Authorities note that if eaten in moderation both the sharp-tasting leaves and the flowers are edible raw, and the leaves can also be cooked as flavouring.

Pink oxalis was illustrated on a 50p. Alderney postage stamp in 1994. Apparently it has escaped from gardens where it was grown when first introduced to the Island.

The plant is viewed as a noxious weed in Western Australia and Tasmania.