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Portulaca grandiflora

[Synonyms : *Portulaca caryophylloides*, *Portulaca gilliesii*, *Portulaca hilaireana*, *Portulaca immerso-stellulata*, *Portulaca megalantha*, *Portulaca mendocinensis*, *Portulaca multistaminata*, *Portulaca pilosa* subsp. *cisplatina*, *Portulaca pilosa* subsp. *grandiflora*]

SUN PLANT is a succulent annual. Native to Argentina and Brazil it has small red, purple, yellow or white flowers with a central core of yellow stamens.

It is also known as Eleven o'clock plant, French purslane, Garden portulaca, Kentucky moss, Mexican rose, Moss rose, Perslane, Pigface, Portulaca, *Portulaka veľkokvetá* (Slovak), *Portulako ornama* (Esperanto), Purslane, Rock rose, Rose moss, *Šrucha veľkokvětá* (Czech), and Wax pink.

The flowers close in shade and at night and are short-lived.

Grandiflora is made up of Latin *grandis* (large) and *-flora* (flowered) components.

It is thought that sun plant arrived in Europe in about 1827.

In Malaysia it has been grown as an ornamental plant.