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Spergularia rubra

[Synonyms : *Arenaria rubra*, *Arenaria rubra* var. *campestris*, *Spergularia campestris*, *Spergularia rubra* var. *perennans*, *Tissa rubra*]

COMMON SAND SPURREY is an annual to perennial. Native to Europe it has small pink flowers.

It is also known as *Arenaria*, *Arenarija roza* (Maltese), Bird's rubra, *Kuřinka červená* (Czech), *Lupinaia* (Italian), Pink sand spurry, Purple sandspurry, Red sandspurry, Red sandwort, Red spurrey, *Rödnarv* (Swedish), *Rödspärgel* (Swedish), *Roter Sparkling* (German), *Rote Schuppenmiere* (German), *Sabline rouge* (French), *Sandkraut* (German), Sand spurry, Sand spurrey, Sandwort, *Spergola* (Italian), *Spergulaire rouge* (French), *Spergularia*, *Spergulario ruĝa* (Esperanto), *Tissa rubra* (German), and *Troellys Coch* (Welsh).

Rubra is derived from Latin *ruber* (red).

In Europe the seeds were often eaten in times of famine.

Today the plant is used medicinally. In Malta it is relied upon for treating bladder diseases.

(Plants grown for medicinal purposes are found in southern France and Malta.)