

Botanical Name: *Malephora crocea*

Common Name: Gray Ice Plant



Family: Aizoaceae

Habitat: Unknown

Native Distribution: South Africa

Elevation: Up to 2,500 ft

Hardiness: 15°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 6" tall x 4' wide

Shape: Trailing

Growth Rate: Moderately fast

Flowers: 1" orange to copper to red with yellow centers

Bloom Season: All year, especially January to April

Fruit: N/A

Foliage: 1" blue-green to gray-green plump needle-like foliage

Exposure: Full/part sun

Shade: N/A

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: *Malephora crocea* makes an excellent groundcover in Phoenix xeriscapes. Use as groundcover to creep around rocks or boulders or allow them to spill over banks for added drama. Will work in containers, too. Low maintenance.

Wildlife:

Other Stuff:

- *Malephora crocea* is considered invasive in the coastal areas of S California.
- Gray Ice Plant is one of the hardiest ice plants available.
- *Malephora crocea* is an excellent choice for slopes.