



Red Aptenia *Aptenia cordifolia*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 12, 13, 15-17, 21-24, H1, H2	Some shade in hottest climates	Well drained soil	Little to moderate watering	Bright pinkish red flowers	Trailing stems to 2 feet

A handful of closely related species which in horticulture are thought to be variants of *A. cordifolia*. The most commonly grown plant, usually grown under the cultivar name of **'Red Apple'**, is considered by some botanists to actually be a hybrid between *Aptenia cordifolia* and the closely related *Platythra (Aptenia) haeckeliana*. It certainly shows the vigor common among bi-generic hybrids, carpeting large areas easily in a season or two. **Aptenia 'Red Apple' can be invasive and should not be planted close to wildlands** The bright green, somewhat heart-shaped, succulent leaves are ½-1in. long. The growth is completely prostrate, vigorous growth filling in bare spaces quickly and completely in a short time. This plant grows best in full sun and tolerates poor soils, heavy or well-drained. Flowering is in summer and autumn. Easily propagated by cuttings or seed.