

Witch's moneybags

Hylotelephium telephium

Description

The Romans prescribed this plant to treat wounds and in contemporary medicine it is used internally to treat ulcers.

Habit

Succulent perennial, the clustered, leafy, erect stems to over 2 ft tall, often red-tinged.

Leaves

Alternate, ovate-oblong, up to 8 cm long, flattened with coarse, rounded, shallow teeth.

Stems

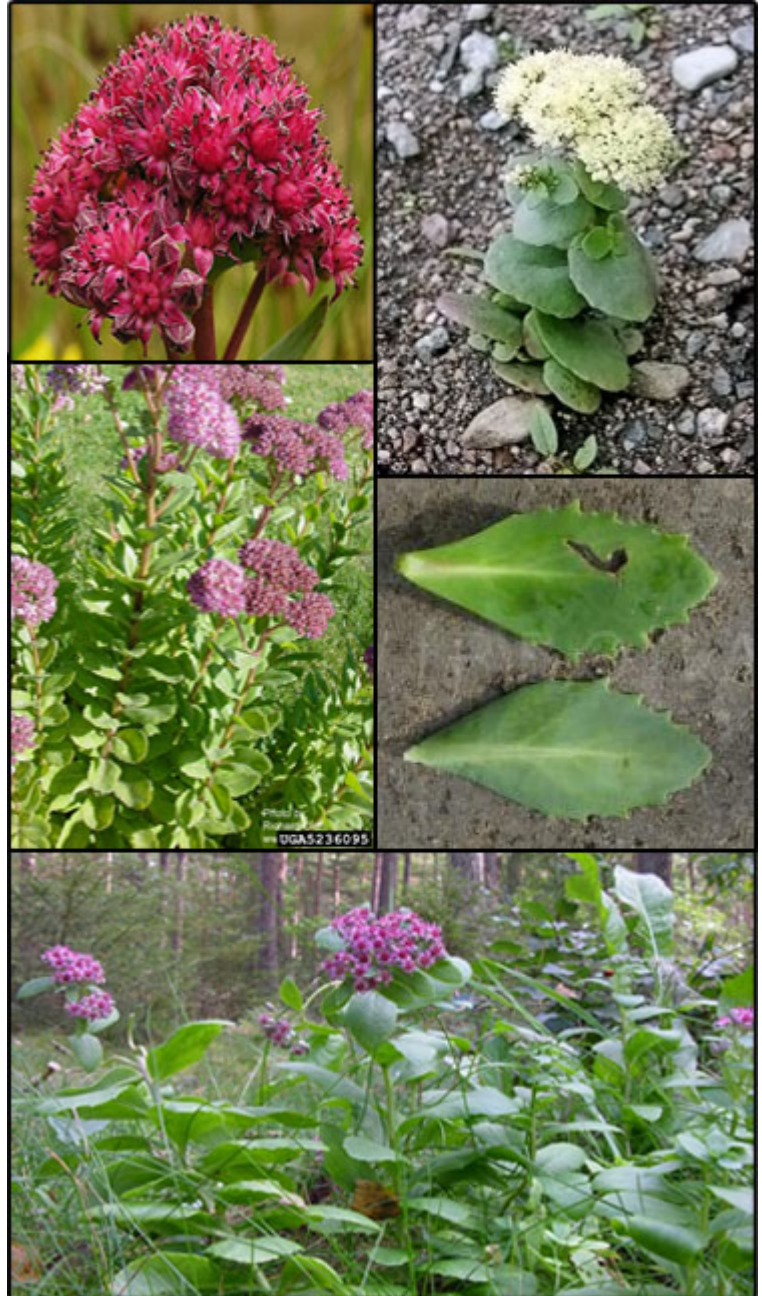
Unbranched; thick; 0.5 (1 cm) diameter.

Flowers

Dense, head-like, flat-topped cymes; 5 sepals, 10 stamens and 5 petals, spreading, pinkish-red, whitish, greenish or yellowish in color; blooms July through September.

Fruits and Seeds

Follicles.





Habitat

Native to Eurasia. Found on rocks and stony ledges.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Showy stonecrop (*Hylotelephium spectabile*).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling.

Credits

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