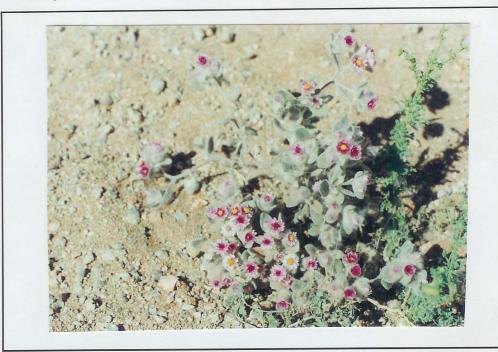
Helichrysum roseo-niveum South-west edelweiss/Everlasting

Family:

Asteraceae



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Description: Helichrysum roseo-niveum is an attractive shrub-like herb. It is very similar in appearance to Helichrysum candolleanum and the two can easily be confused, they often share the common name 'South-west edelweiss' or 'Everlasting'. The outer bracts of the inflorescence are silvery white, the inner ones are deep pink. The florets making up the centre of the inflorescence are bright yellow. The obovate leaves distinguish H. roseo-niveum, they are slightly more rounded than leaves of H.candolleanum. The leaves are grey-green and densely covered in fine white hairs forming wool. H. roseo-niveum has more wool around it than H. candolleanum, the shrub also appears more dense and compact. Older stems become slightly woody, reddish and shiny.

Habitat: *H. roseo-niveum* was thought to be endemic to Namibia, but is now known to occur in the Richtersveld, in South Africa. It occurs in Damaraland, as well as in the south of Namibia.

Helichrysum garepinum also grocos on Namibleard and looks very similar to H. roseo nivoum.

