



One in a series.....

Phemeranthus

is a genus of flowering plants in the miner's lettuce family, Montiaceae, native to the Americas. It is sometimes placed in Portulacaceae. The name is derived from the Greek words εφήμερος (ephemerous), meaning "living for one day," and ἄθος (anthos), meaning "flower." Common names for the various species are often fame flower, rock rose, rock pink, and sand pink. [Wikipedia](#)

The plant for me begins serious blooming in early August— but, in a hotter summer area say like Phoenix or Dallas it may be mid July or even earlier. However, when it does, it more than makes up for the late start with a daily dazzling display.

Phemeranthus calycinus is shown below and to the right.





Commercially available *Phemeranthus calycinus*, is no doubt much the best, but I'm also quite intrigued with the much smaller *P. brevifolius* – Pygmy fameflower that is found locally in my area.





To the left is the type locality for the *P. brevifolius*.

Looking down from the photo above, are a couple of the *P. brevifolius* but, sadly not in bloom.

