

Botanical Name: Primula obconica

Common Name: German primrose

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small clump of rounded foliage, topped by large rounded
flower clusters of white, pink, lavender and reddish purple - may bloom for
long periods in mild climates

Height to 18" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors likes shade to partial sun

Soil prefers a well-drained, slightly acidic soil; add plenty
of organic matter

Hardiness some frost: zones 15-24

Morphology:

Leaves oval to ovate leaves to 4" long, 3" wide, ruffled margins;
base peltate, petioles to 4" long, blade pubescent on upper and lower surfaces

Flowers broad, funnel-shaped flowers in umbels; flowers to 1-1/2"
across in lavender, pink, white and purple

Fruit small 5-valved

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: shade-loving bedding plant, in pots, baskets, mixed with
other bedding plants; most often used as an annual, but will bloom for long
periods from winter until hot weather begins

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; benefits from frequent irrigation

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer, 1/2 strength twice a month

Pruning remove spent flowers to prolong bloom

Pests/Diseases mites, aphids, sunburn in hot areas

Special Conditions pubescence on foliage may irritate skin

Origin: China Family: Primulaceae