

Botanical Name: Viola tricolor

Common Name: Johnny-jump-up

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small clumping, upright annual forming a sprawling, dense  
mass topped by small, 3/4" pansy-like flowers

Height to 12" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor half-shade to full sun

Soil prefers a rich, moist soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to lanceolate, crenate margins sometimes deeply  
lobed, stipules large below flowers

Flowers to 3/4" across, usually yellow, purple and white; varies  
in proportions

Fruit small 3-valved capsule; re-seeds heavily

Propagation: seed

Usage: in borders, low beds, as a facer plant works well in  
masses, under trees, as a bulb cover, or in containers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced at planting, feed every 2-3 wks. with low N fert.

Pruning remove spent blooms, pinch back frequently

Pests/Diseases aphids, spider mites

Special Conditions may survive as a perennial in mild winter areas

Origin: Northern Europe Family: Violaceae