

Botanical Name: Streptocarpus species

Common Name: Cape Primrose

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape rosette, plant of long, arching fleshy leaves with
trumpet-like flowers held above

Height to 1' Spread to 1' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor needs bright light indoors; cool, shady, outdoors

Soil peat-based potting mix

Hardiness tender outdoors -- African Violet conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves lanceolate to 10" long, arranged in a rosette, veins
prominent on lower surface, pubescent on upper surface

Flowers tubular, corolla 5-lobed, pink, purple or white

Fruit a long, spiraling, slender capsule

Propagation: seed, leaf cuttings

Usage: specimen plant for spring or continuous blooming;

often grown by collectors or African Violet fanciers

Landscape Care:

Watering likes ample water; allow to dry between waterings

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, 2x monthly during warm season

Pruning remove dead leaves, spent flowers

Pests/Diseases mealybug, whitefly, aphids

Special Conditions

Origin: S. Africa Family: Gesneriaceae