

Botanical Name: Kohleria 'Clown Prince'

Common Name: Kohleria

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Gesneriaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small, dense and semi-upright houseplant which branches and spreads more than other Gesneriads; looks best if kept compact

Height to 12" Spread to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure indoors prefers a bright, warm, humid location indoors

Soil prefers a peat-based potting soil

Hardiness tender to cold outdoors, needs warmth indoors

Morphology:

Leaves cordate to ovate, densely fuzzy on both upper and lower surfaces, to 3" across or more

Flowers tubular, trumpet-shaped flowers to 1-1/2" across; brightly colored in shades of red, white, lavender, and pink; often spotted or striped

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: excellent alternative to African violet or Streptocarpus, but requiring similar conditions; flowers are nearly constant; choice indoor flowering specimen

Landscape Care:

Watering need regular watering during growing season; may be allowed to become somewhat dry if plant is observed to be entering a dormant period

Fertilizing half-strength liquid feeding plus slow release fertilizer

Pruning pinch back regularly to induce bushiness

Pests/Diseases mealybug, scale, whitefly

Other plant grows from a scaly rhizome and may become dormant in winter

Origin: South America