

Botanical Name: Viola odorata

Common Name: Sweet violet

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, spreading perennial with long runners and heart-shaped foliage; small sweet-smelling flowers are held within or slightly above foliage

Height 6 - 12" Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun to partial shade in inland areas

Soil most any soil with good drainage

Hardiness Hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves cordate to reniform, to 2" across with toothed margins; on long petioles 4" to 8" long

Flowers varied in size and color, purple, pink and white varieties available; flowers fragrant and heaviest in spring

Fruit small 3-valved capsule

Propagation: cuttings or division

Usage: groundcover in perennial beds, good in raised beds, forest style landscapes and tropical gardens; excellent shade groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering, not drought-tolerant

Fertilizing complete fertilizer in early spring

Pruning control and/or shear in late fall

Pests/Diseases spider mites

Special Conditions

Origin: Western Asia, Africa Family: Violaceae