

Botanical Name: Primula malacoides

Common Name: Fairy primrose

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small clumping plant with ruffled leaves and light, lacy  
flowers; normally used as a winter annual in southern California gardens

Height to 10" Spread to 10" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors shade to partial sun

Soil well-drained, slightly acidic soil

Hardiness hardy: zones 12-24

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to 1 1/2" long and wide; doubly serrated margins

Flowers flat, delicate-looking flowers to 1" wide in umbels -  
sometimes compound

Fruit small 5-valved capsule

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: spring bedding plant, use with bulbs, in pots, in shaded  
beds; gives color December through April

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

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