

Botanical Name: Streptocarpus saxorum (Streptocarpella saxorum)

Common Name: Streptocarpella

Type of Plant: Dicot: houseplant Family Gesneriaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Multi-branched, spreading plant with extensive, rounded form;
forms a dense hanging basket plant with heavy displays of small flowers

Height to 12 inches Spread to 24 inches Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoors prefers bright light indoors, thrives in shade outdoors

Soil needs a highly organic soil with good drainage

Hardiness tender (Zones 17, 22-24) mostly used as patio or houseplant

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to ovate, densely hairy, to 1-1/2" long, 1" across,
arranged opposite to whorled, pale on underside

Flowers small tubular flowers (resembling small Cape primrose) to 1"
across in blue, lavender and white; flowers on long peduncles to 3"

Fruit spirally twisted two-valved capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: excellent hanging basket plant for patios or indoor usage;

provides long blooming season, heavy flowering and a neat form; can also be
used as a low filler in atrium gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow-release, balanced fertilizer 2x per year

Pruning head back and dead-head frequently to encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases mealybug

Other

Origin: Eastern Africa