

Native Violet



FAMILY: Violaceae

HABIT: A perennial herb to 120mm plant forming extensive mats by rooting at nodes of runners.

LEAVES: Simple, tufted, entire or toothed, round to kidney-shaped, 1.5-3cm and light green in colour.

FLOWER/FRUITS: Solitary flower having five white and violet petals, on stems to 9cm long. The fruit consists of a small three valved capsule containing white, brown or black seeds about 2mm long.

PROPAGATION: Division

LOCAL HABITAT: Rainforest, sclerophyll forests and open woodlands.

DISTRIBUTION: East coast of Australia.



GENERAL: This plant needs shade and a moderate amount of water. It does well in pots and hanging baskets and is useful as a lawn alternative in low traffic damp, shady conditions.

REFERENCES: Wrigley & Fagg, 2003 *Australian Native Plants: Cultivation, Use in Landscaping and Propagation*.
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