

Cultural Information – African Violet

<u>Light:</u>	Partial Sun, an eastern or western exposure. They are under story plants and don't tolerate full hot sun very well
<u>Temperature:</u>	Minimum indoor temperature, 60 degrees minimum or higher. Prefers warmer temperatures.
<u>Humidity:</u>	Maintain 50% or higher however they will tolerate low levels with no harm.
<u>Watering:</u>	Bring soil to a state of visual dryness between waterings. When watering thoroughly saturate soil until a little water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Better to err on the side of dryness.
<u>Fertilizer:</u>	They are moderate feeders so a 1/4 tsp. per gallon once a week is a general recommendation. When growth slows in winter discontinue feeding. Us a balanced fertilizer i.e. 15-15-15 or a blooming fertilizer like Pro Gro 'Grow' 7-9-5 or Electra 5-10-3
<u>Pruning:</u>	Little pruning is needed except to remove spent flowers.
<u>Insects and Disease:</u>	They are susceptible to mealy bug, thrip, and aphids can affect the flowers. Keep an eye out for insects and treat when first visible. Over watering can bring on root disease problems.
<u>Comments</u>	Excellent house plants. The African Violet is well adapted to the home enviroment of lower light and dry condition. The can tolerate neglectful watering and flower most of the year. Proper watering and proper light levels bring out the best in this plant.