

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



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Native Violet or Ivy-leaved Violet

Viola hederacea

FAST FACTS

Groundcover

Family:	Violaceae
	Violet
Size:	5cm H x 40cm W
Position:	Shade
Soil:	Moist
Flowers:	Summer
Fruits:	Inconspicuous
Care:	Low maintenance

An Australian native plant from the Ballarat area, **Native Violet** or **Ivy-leaved Violet** (*Viola hederacea*) is a very pretty, delicate looking, creeping groundcover up to 5cm high and 40cm wide.

Location: It likes some shade and would do especially well under large trees. If you have several plants, they'll look good in the spaces between pavers but it's also lovely in a garden bed amongst other plants or in a hanging basket.

Leaves and Flowers: Native Violet produces lots of small purple and white flowers scattered among the small fan-shaped leaves in summer.

Planting: Native Violet is quite tough and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase.

Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: Native Violet requires little attention and doesn't need pruning.

Propagation: If you want to grow more, you can dig up some mature Native Violet after a year or two (a clump about the same size as when you purchased it) and plant the clumps in other parts of your garden.