



# November

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."  
- Audrey Hepburn

## Learning About Viola Growth! For a viola plant to thrive, it needs:

**Light:** Violas prefer partial shade or morning sunlight, which is ideal on sunny but warm days in Cyprus.

**Soil:** They prefer well-drained, organic-rich soil with a pH close to 6.0-7.0. Soils in Cyprus can be enriched with compost for better growth.

**Water:** Violas need regular watering to keep the soil moist but not overly wet. In Cyprus, it's best to water early in the morning or late in the afternoon to reduce evaporation.

**Fertilization:** Violas thrive in nutrient-rich soil to develop their blooms. Natural fertilizers can be used to enrich the soil.

**Temperature:** Violas grow best in temperatures between 10°C and 20°C. The cool temperatures of spring and autumn in Cyprus are ideal for cultivating violas



## QUIZ!

### Viola

The secrets of the viola tricolor and the environment

1. Which of the following is a characteristic of viola flowers?

- A) They are only blue.
- B) They can have various colors, such as purple, yellow, white, and blue.
- C) They are only red.

2. How does the viola help in gardening?

- A) It attracts more pests.
- B) It adds color and vibrancy to gardens with its bright flowers.
- C) It provides shade for other plants.

3. Which part of the viola can you use to grow a new plant?

- A) The fruit.
- B) The seed.
- C) The leaf.

4. In which season does the viola bloom in Cyprus?

- A) Summer.
- B) Spring and Autumn.
- C) Winter.





### Learn About Different Types of Viola

There are many types of viola around the world! Here are some of the main categories of viola that you can find and are suitable for cultivation in Cyprus:

#### **Viola tricolor (Wild Pansy):**

This type of viola has small, colorful flowers and is often used in gardens and flower beds.

#### **Viola odorata (Sweet Violet):**

It has fragrant purple flowers and is commonly used for decoration and in aromatic products.

#### **Viola cornuta (Horned Violet):**

With small flowers in various colors, this type is often used in hanging pots and flower beds.

#### **Viola x wittrockiana (Pansy):**

Known for its large and colorful flowers, this viola is primarily used for decorative purposes.

#### **Viola sororia (Common Blue Violet):**

With blue-purple flowers, it is often used in natural gardens and attracting butterflies.

### Endemic Plant of Cyprus

#### **Mandrake (*Mandragora officinarum*)**

**Information:** The mandrake is known from mythology for its root, which resembles a human form.



### Endemic of Animal of Cyprus

#### **Cypriot Squirrel (*Sciurus anomalus cypriacus*)**

**Information:** The squirrel is a small mammal that lives in forests and feeds on nuts and seeds.



### World Day for the Conservation of Nature (November 6)

**What It Is:** This day is dedicated to the protection of nature and biodiversity.

**Tip:** Conservation is vital for the survival of all species and for the balance of ecosystems.

**Protect it!**



**Organize a family trip to a modern olive grove to see up close the process of harvesting and producing olive oil.**