



VIOLETS

BOTANICAL NAME: *Viola species*

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? Violets include several cool-season annuals and perennials that are low-growing, clump-forming plants. Most violet species have heart-shaped leaves.

WHERE DOES IT LIKE TO GROW? Violets usually grow in colonies and can be found in a wide variety of habitats ranging from dry, rocky prairies to moist woodlands. These species are very shade tolerant and prefer lawns located on moist, fertile soils.

WHEN DOES IT BLOOM? They typically bloom in spring (April to June). Flower colors include nearly white, yellow, blue and purple.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD? All violets reproduce by seed, and perennial violets also spread by creeping roots and rhizomes.

HOW DO I CONTROL IT? Maintaining a healthy grass sod by using proper lawn care practices will help prevent violets invasion. Unfortunately, grasses in shade areas are not as competitive against weeds as those in full sun. Violets are difficult to control in turfgrass areas.

NON-CHEMICAL CONTROL:

- Maintaining a healthy planting or turf area to provide competition will prevent weed establishment.
- Dig small patches and reseed.
- Prune to reduce shade.
- Do not mow turf too short in shaded areas.

CHEMICAL CONTROL:

- There are products on the market to help control violets. The herbicide quinclorac is proving to be effective against violet species. Be certain you read all the label instructions and follow them carefully.



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