

Trial of Viola, small flowered, overwintering, grown from seed in the open ground, 1998/99

Objective: To assess the flowering performance and quality of a range of cultivars grown from seed as bedding plants.

Culture: Seed was sown under glass on 8 July 1998 and the entries were planted out on 15 October, spaced 25cm apart in rows 25cm apart. Twenty five plants of each self-coloured entry and 50 plants of each mixed coloured entry were grown. The trial was sprayed against downy mildew and *Ramularia*, a leaf blight to which Viola is particularly susceptible..

Entries: There were 90 entries submitted for trial by various seed companies in Europe and the U.S.A. as listed below.

Records: A record was made of the date of first flower, i.e. when 50% of an entry was flowering, and the number of colours in each mixture was noted.

Judging: Members of the Floral Trials Subcommittee inspected the trial on 23 March, 7, 21 April and 19 May 1999 and recommended the Award of Garden Merit (AGM) to 9 cultivars.

The subcommittee considered the following criteria:

habit:	uniformity	impact
colour	floriferousness	length of flowering period

Entries, Senders and Awards

Award	No	Name	Sender
	1	'Ailes Rouges'	Bertrand Freres
	2	'Arkwright Ruby '	Bertrand Freres
	3	'Azurella'	Bertrand Freres
	4	'Baby Franjo'	Johnsons
	5	'Bijou'	Bertrand Freres
	6	'Bijou'	King
	7	'Blackjack'	Floranova
	8	'Blanc pur Amelioree'	Bertrand Freres
	9	'Bleu de Paris'	Bertrand Freres
	10	'Chantreyland'	Bertrand Freres
	11	Exp 97-BP-147	Waller
	12	Exp 97-BP-288	Waller
	13	Exp 97-BP-301	Waller
	14	Exp 97-BP-303	Waller
	15	Exp 97-BP-93	Waller
	16	Exp (Moonbeam type) Silver	Floranova
	17	Exp (Velour type) Cream with Yellow eye	Floranova

Award	No	Name	Sender
	18	Exp (Velour type) Dark Blue Blotch	Floranova
	19	Exp (Velour type) Purple Wing	Floranova
	20	'Felix'	Floranova
AGM (H4) 1999	21	'Jewel Blue'	Takii
	22	'Jewel Blue with Face'	Takii
AGM (H4) 1999	23	'Jewel Deep Blue'	Takii
	24	'Jewel Maroon and Yellow'	Takii
	25	'Jewel Purple with Face'	Takii
	26	'Jewel White'	Takii
AGM (H4) 1999	27	'Jewel Yellow'	Takii
	28	'Johnny Jump Up'	King
AGM (H4) 1999	29	'Juliette Blue, pale wings'	Nickerson
	30	'Juliette Golden Yellow'	Nickerson
	31	'Juliette Mauve'	Nickerson
	32	'Juliette Pure White'	Nickerson
	33	'Juliette Purple'	Nickerson
	34	'Komet Cream White with Violet Wings'	Quedlinburg
	35	'Komet Cream White'	Quedlinburg
	36	'Komet Lavender'	Quedlinburg
	37	'Komet Light Blue'	Quedlinburg
	38	'Komet Violet with light eye'	Quedlinburg
	39	'Komet Violet with yellow eye'	Quedlinburg
	40	'Komet Yellow with Light Wings'	Quedlinburg
	41	'Lavender Ice'	Waller
	42	lutea splendens	Tezier
	43	lutea splendens	Bertrand Freres
	44	'Mini Blue Fonce'	Bertrand Freres
	45	'Moonbeam'	Floranova
	46	'Penny Azure Wing'	Colegrave
	47	'Penny Blue'	Colegrave
	48	'Penny Orchid Frost'	Colegrave
	49	'Penny Primrose'	Colegrave
	50	'Penny Violet Flare'	Colegrave
	51	'Penny Violet Beacon'	Colegrave
	52	'Penny Yellow'	Colegrave
	53	'Prince John'	Bertrand Freres
	54	'Princess Blue'	PanAm
	55	'Princess Cream'	PanAm
	56	'Princess Deep Purple'	PanAm
	57	'Princess Deep Purple with Face'	PanAm
	58	'Princess Lavender and Yellow'	PanAm
	59	'Princess Purple and Gold'	PanAm
	60	'Princess Yellow'	PanAm

Award	No	Name	Sender
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	61	'Roi Henri'	Bertrand Freres
AGM (H4) 1999	62	'Sorbet Blueberry Cream'	Waller
	63	'Sorbet Lemon Chiffon'	Waller
	64	'Sorbet Purple Duet'	Waller
	65	'Sorbet Purple Duet Euro'	Waller
	66	'Sorbet Sunny Royale'	Waller
AGM (H4) 1999	67	'Sorbet Yellow Delight'	Waller
AGM (H4) 1999	68	'Sorbet Yellow Frost'	Waller
	69	'Splendid White'	Yates
	70	'Splendid Yellow'	Yates
	71	'Sunbeam'	Floranova
	72	'The Corsican Violet'	Pro-Veg
	73	'Velour Blue'	Floranova
	74	'Velour Blue Blotch'	Floranova
	75	'Velour Purple'	Floranova
AGM (H4) 1999	76	'Velour Purple and White'	Floranova
	77	'Velour White'	Floranova
	78	'Velour Yellow'	Floranova
	79	'Violette de Paris'	Bertrand Freres
		Mixtures	
	80	'Bambini Mixed'	Johnsons
	81	'Bambini Pastel Mixture'	Bertrand Freres
	82	'Freckles' no plants	King
	83	'Juliette Formula Mixed'	Nickerson
	84	'Komet Sepia'	Quedlinburg
	85	'Penny Lane Mixed'	Colegrave
	86	'Princess Mixed'	King
	87	'Princess Mixed'	PanAm
AGM (H4) 1999	88	'Splendid Blue and Yellow'	Yates
	89	'Symphonia'	King
	90	'Velour Mixed'	Floranova

H4 = plants hardy outside throughout the British Isles

Summary of entries recommended for Award:

The number under which the entry was grown is given in brackets after the description.

'Jewel Blue' AGM (H4) 23 March 1999

Raised by Takii Ltd; introduced and sent by Takii Europe BV, Hoofdweg 19, 1424 PC de Kwakel, The Netherlands. [votes 9-1]

Plant 28cm high, 30cm spread. Flowers 3cm diameter, upper lobes Violet Gp. 87A, lower lobes Violet Gp. 88A, base white, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent mild. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999 (termination of the trial). [21]

Very long flowering period from October to April; good weather resistance and disease free; long stalks and a very pretty good coloured face .

'Jewel Deep Blue' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999

Raised by Takii Ltd; introduced and sent by Takii Europe BV, Hoofdweg 19, 1424 PC de Kwakel, The Netherlands. [votes 10-0]

Plant 16cm high, 25cm spread. Flowers 3cm diameter, upper lobes Violet Gp. 86B, lower lobes Violet Gp. 86A, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent strong. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999. [23]

Long flowering from October to April; very compact plant with a small yellow eye.

'Jewel Yellow' AGM (H4) 23 March 1999.

Raised by Takii Ltd; introduced and sent by Takii Europe BV, Hoofdweg 19, 1424 PC de Kwakel, The Netherlands. [votes 10-1]

Plant 18cm high, 25 cm spread. Flowers 3cm diameter, upper and lower lobes Yellow Gp. 13A, with very small rays of deep violet; eye yellow; scent strong. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999. [27]

Very floriferous from October to April; forms a neat mound.

'Juliette Blue, pale wings' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999.

Raised by Nickerson Zwaan BV; introduced and sent by Nickerson Zwaan Ltd, Joseph Nickerson Research Centre, Rothwell, Market Rasen, Lincs LN7 6DT. [votes 11-0]

Plant 15cm high, 30cm spread. Flowers 2.8cm diameter, upper lobes Violet-Blue Gp. 91D, lower lobes as upper but flushed with Violet Gp. 87A, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent strong. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999. [29]

Tremendous flower power; a long flowering period from October to April, spreads well and gives good ground cover.

'Sorbet Blueberry Cream' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999

Raised, introduced and sent by Waller Flowerseed Co, P O Box 70, Guadalupe, CA 93434, U S A. [votes 10-1]

Plant 15cm high, 25cm spread. Flowers 3cm diameter, upper lobes Violet-Blue Gp. 91A, upper lower lobes Violet-Blue Gp. 91B, lower lobe heavily flushed with Yellow Gp. 4B, rayed deep violet; eye orange; scent very slight. Flowering from 1 February to mid May 1999. [62]

Flowering later (from February); outstanding, interesting and harmonious colour combination; plant dies back nicely

'Sorbet Yellow Delight' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999.

Raised, introduced and sent by Waller Flowerseed Co, P O Box 70, Guadalupe, CA 93434, U S A. [votes 9-2]

Plant 20cm high, 25cm spread. Flowers 3.5cm diameter, upper and lower lobes Yellow-Orange Gp. 14A, rayed very dark violet, almost black; eye orange; scent strong. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999. [67]

A rich colour, a warmer yellow than others.

'Sorbet Yellow Frost' AGM (H4) 21 April 1999.

Raised, introduced and sent by Waller Flowerseed Co, P O Box 70, Guadalupe, CA 93434, U S A. [votes 10-0]

Plant 12cm high, 25cm spread. Flowers 3cm diameter, upper lobes closest to Violet Gp. 83B, upper lower lobes Yellow Gp. 2D flushed with violet, lower lobe Yellow Gp. 6A greyed at base, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent strong. Flowering from 1 February to mid May 1999. [68]

Later flowering (from February); a good combination of blue and yellow; lots of flowers with attractive markings; low growing and stable.

'Splendid Blue and Yellow' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999.

Raised by Sakata Seed Corporation; introduced and sent by Samuel Yates Ltd, Withyfold Drive, Macclesfield, SK10 2BE. [votes 10-1]

Plant 20cm high, 24cm spread. Flowers 3.5cm diameter, upper lobes Violet Gp. 83B, upper lower lobes Violet-Blue Gp. 94C, lower lobe flushed with Yellow Gp. 9B, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent very slight. Flowering from 4 January to mid May 1999. [88]

A mass of flower in shades of blue and yellow giving good ground cover; a spreading habit; later flowering (from January).

'Velour Purple and White' AGM (H4) 7 April 1999.

Raised by Clause; introduced and sent by Floranova Ltd, Norwich Road, Foxley, Dereham, Norfolk NR20 4SS. [votes 10-1]

Plant 16cm high, 25cm spread. Flowers 4cm diameter, upper and lower lobes closest to Purple Gp. 77A, base white, rayed deep violet; eye yellow; scent very slight. Flowering from 15 October 1998 to mid May 1999. [76]

Very free flowering and uniform; the light purple flowers show up well

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