Viola odorata

Scientific Name

*Viola odorata* L.

Family

Violaceae

Common Names

common violet, English violet, florist’s violet, fragrant violet, garden violet, sweet blue violet, sweet violet, violet

Origin

Native to Europe, the Azores, the Madeira Islands, the Canary Islands and western Asia.

Naturalised Distribution

Widely naturalised in southern Australia (i.e. in many parts of eastern New South Wales and Victoria, in the ACT, in south-eastern and eastern South Australia and in the coastal districts of south-western Western Australia). Also sparingly naturalised in south-eastern Queensland.

Widely naturalised in North America (i.e. Canada and the USA), Hawaii, Japan and New Zealand.

Notes

Common violet (*Viola odorata*) is regarded as a common environmental weed in Victoria and South Australia, and as a minor environmental weed or “sleeper weed” in New South Wales, the ACT and Western Australia.
flower from behind showing the dark-coloured spur and immature fruit showing the relatively broad sepals (Photo: Sheldon Navie)

close-up of seeds (Photo: Jose Hernandez at USDA PLANTS Database)

seedling (Photo: Sheldon Navie)