

# Cyclamen persicum

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**Common Names:** Cyclamen, Alpine Violet, Sowbread

**Family:** Primulaceae

**Origin:** Algeria to Mediterranean

**Growth:** Clumping

**Light:** Bright, filtered

**Foot Candles:** 100 - 200

**Water:** Keep evenly moist when flowering

**Humidity:** Not required

**Temperature:** 7°C - 20°C

**Soil:** Regular potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter

**Nutrients:** 10-15-10 when flowering

**Propagation:** Seed, splitting tubers

**Interiorscape Use:** Seasonal colour

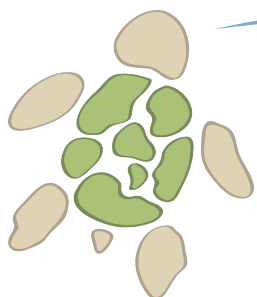


**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** High temperatures may cause the plant to go dormant. Bacterial soft rot and Fusarium wilt quickly kill a plant, to help avoid this problem water the plant from below and keep water off the plant itself.

**Comments:** A stunning plant especially when grown in masses. Many colours to choose from for the flowers and the leaves also provide interest. Not typically available for purchase all year as they go dormant during the summer.

**Toxicity:** When large quantities are ingested it may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, and paralysis. May cause minor skin irritation following handling. Large ingestions of tubers can cause heart rhythm abnormalities, seizures, and death.



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