



Streptocarpus (Cape Primrose)

Streptocarpus, sometimes known as “Cape Primrose” are not related to primroses but, are actually a member of the Gesneriad family. This family also includes African Violets. Streptocarpus grow in wooded, shaded areas in the mountains of South Africa. These plants have been widely hybridized and there are numerous interesting and attractive varieties available, including shades of red, pink, lavender, purple and white. Streptocarpus are not subject to many pests or diseases which adds in making them a successful houseplant that can bloom virtually any time of the year.

WATER: Keep moist and never allow it to stand in water, needs good drainage

LIGHT: Plenty of light, but no direct sun

TEMPERATURE: Minimum temperature of 50°

FERTILIZER: Feed every 2-4 weeks with a half strength liquid fertilizer. Over fertilizing can damage the root system and cause browning of the leaves.

TIP: Removing spent blooms and the older leaves as they become unsightly is beneficial to promoting a healthier plant that can bloom more frequently.