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PERENNIAL

↑ **Height** 4-6"
Width 4-6"
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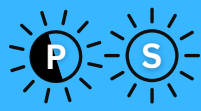


Photo: Gardening for Birds

Viola sororia

Common Blue Violet,
Northern Blue Violet










 **Family:** Violaceae/Violet

Garden Companions

- Aquilegia canadensis
- Pennsylvania sedge
- Symphyotrichum cordifolium
- Anemonastrum canadense

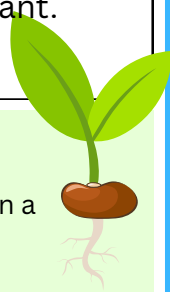
Notes

- Growth habit: compact/clumping/spreading/suckering
- Fast-growing spring bloomer
- Leaves and seeds are eaten by small mammals
- Can handle occasional mowing
- Great groundcover
- Good for soil stabilization
- They produce seed in late summer from basal, non-opening, self-pollinating flowers, in a process called cleistogamy. Within a few weeks the seed capsules turn upright, open, and shoot their seeds – distributing them as far as 9' away from the original plant.

 Cape Cod Native	 Blooms April to June	 Keystone Plant Score: 30
 Caterpillar/Moth Host Plant	 Provides Nest Site/ Nest Materials	
 Provides Bird Seeds/Fruit	 Container Friendly	
 Rabbits will nibble!	 Deer Resistant	

Propagation Information

- Seeds require 60-day cold stratification before germinating in a warm location
- Bloom year: maybe 1st, likely 2nd
- Self-seeds and spreads by rhizomes aggressively
- Propagate by division in early spring/fall



 **Spring Bloomer**

DRAWN FROM SEED




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Seeds



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Seedlings



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Leaves



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Flower buds



Photo: UP Native Plants

Blooming



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Self-pollinated pod (closed & open)

