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Family: Primulaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** herbaceous, deciduous  
**Leaf Color:** dark green  
**Fall Color:** not notable  
**Flower Time:** November-April  
**Flower Color:** white, pink, red, violet, bicolor  
**Fruit:** not notable  
**Light:** partial shade to full shade (bright window indoors)  
**Moisture:** well-drained  
**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 9-11

**Insect/Disease Issues:**  
 Mites  
**Nativity:**  
 Eastern Mediterranean  
**Location in the Gardens:**  
 Conservatory



**Landscape Value:**

Plants are not winter hardy in central Iowa but this species make a wonderful, colorful houseplant. Plants are often sold in florists shops as pot plants.

**Notes:**

Cyclamen will do well in a location where African violets do well. Plants will go dormant during the summer months and should be watered sparingly during this time. In the fall, leaves will re-grow and regular watering and fertilization should resume.

*Cyclamen hederifolium* is a related species that is hardy in USDA hardiness zones 5 to 8 and with winter protection could be grown in central Iowa.

**Months of Interest:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec