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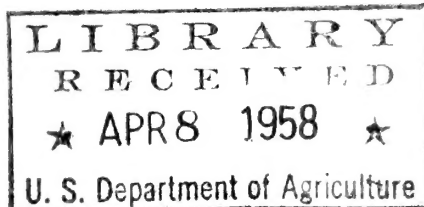
# TAY-BOW AFRICAN VIOLETS

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## Rooted Cuttings      Fresh Cut Leaves

We ship ROOTED CUTTINGS and FRESH CUT LEAVES. We know from experience that rooted cuttings, as we ship them, are the most satisfactory way of buying African Violets if you are unable to go directly to the greenhouse for your purchase. Leaves are intact and no wilt should be present when our healthy well packed cuttings arrive at your door.

We are proud of our ROOTED CUTTINGS. They are in reality small plantlets shipped in the cute little pots in which they are grown. This assures you that they will not stop growing even while being shipped to you. If you are busy and are not able to transplant at once, don't worry about it. The cuttings are perfectly safe until you are ready to work with them.

Our LEAVES are shipped expertly packed. When they reach you, they are as fresh as when we cut them for you. It is an exciting experience to open a box of leaves all labeled and ready to go to work for you. With good care, blooming plants can be had in from six to eight months.

### METHOD OF SHIPPING

ROOTED CUTTINGS are shipped Parcel Post-Special Handling. That means that they will travel as fast as a letter. There is no delay in the large terminals.

FRESH CUT LEAVES are shipped First Class Mail. This insures the same delivery as a letter.

Each order for less than \$7.00 **must be accompanied** by a 65c mailing and handling fee. If Special Delivery or Air Mail is desired, the proper amount of postage should be included.

We guarantee that your ROOTED CUTTINGS or FRESH CUT LEAVES will reach your door safely. If package is damaged or unusable, please notify us at once.

**Please read carefully.**—We do not begin spring shipments until the middle of April or until freezing weather is definitely ended. We continue fall shipments until about the middle of November or until freezing weather begins.

### TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Since our specialty is Rooted Cuttings, we have very few, if any, plants for sale. We tell you this so that you will not travel from a distance and be disappointed because no full grown plants are available. We are open by appointment, and are very glad to show you what we have here at Tay-Bow.

## BUD'S PAGE

Leonard K. Brewer (Bud) began several years ago to experiment with the hybridizing of African Violets. His interest has increased through the years and today he is recognized as one of the top hybridizers in the field. We were happy to introduce his Pink Valentine and Pink Popcorn last spring. They have scored a tremendous hit. Bud's hybrids have foliage which is strong as well as beautiful and symmetrical. They are easily trained into "show plants", bloom freely and, best of all, they do not fade away after the first year. They continue to be strong plants just as long as they are taken care of.

**We Are Proud To Be Able To Introduce For The First Time Bud's**

### KIMBERLEY

We described it in the December issue of the Violet Magazine as "fabulously beautiful," and we meant it. A full grown plant has a spread of from 12 to 14 inches. The foliage is a black green, the edges are pinked, and it waves gently. (One leaf measured 4½ inches across and 6 inches long). The blossom is thrilling. It performs like a gardenia with three or four rows of petals lying flat with a loose cluster in the center. In some lights the color is powder blue, in other lights it is washed with a faint rose. The edges are diamond white with a frill. We feel sure that you have never seen a violet like this one. Our mother plant usually has five or six stalks of bloom with three or four blooms on each stalk. We have counted 35 blooms at one time. It hasn't stopped blooming since we purchased it over a year ago.

**Small Plants \$3.00**

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.50**

### ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME

**BUD'S PINK BEGONIA**— A single pink which you will want in your collection. The leaves are large and round. They are strong and darkish green and the plant reaches a 14 inch spread. The blooms are intense pink, deeply cupped and cluster in groups of four and five on strong stems.

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

**BUD'S TICKLED PINK**— Have you ever had a hanging basket violet? You should try one! Here is one which is well behaved and so delightful to look at that you will be glad to have it in a cheerful window. Our show plant is in a redwood hanging basket and has never been without bloom since we got it more than a year ago. The stems are long and the leaves are "city cousins" to Grotei. They grow very evenly from the crown and hang gracefully over the sides of the basket. The blooms are single pinks, grow in clusters and stand up from the plant or lie gracefully around the plant.

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

**BLACK VICTORY**— We have never seen a larger, blacker double blue than this one. Most of the blooms grow to over two inches in diameter, are solid black blue with no other color showing. Even the anthers are covered. The foliage tends toward DuPont but is not as heavy and slow growing. Will be limited.

**Will Be Ready for Fall Shipping Only. Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

**BUD'S PINK POPCORN**— Introduced by us last spring. A five inch miniature of deep blue green round leaves. (Girl type without the throat.) Very much inclined to one crown. The blooms come up above the crown and are like petite rose buds of deep pink.

**BUD'S PINK VALENTINE**— Also introduced by us last spring. The foliage is heart shaped, deeply notched and excellent medium green. The color is alive! The plant tends toward a flat single crown and has deep pink double blooms which resemble small peonies.

**Rooted Cuttings for These Two \$1.00**

**PINK MERMAID**— Leaf is wide, pointed, and very blue green. Blooms are clusters of five or six soft velvet pink doubles. **Rooted Cuttings \$.75**

**PINK PETTICOAT**— Leaves are strong textured, dark green with dark lining. They stand out from the plant like a skirt. Double bloom is vivid pink. **Rooted Cuttings \$.75**

**PINK PUFF**— Leaf is supreme type, very dark. The bloom is unusual— Five petals lie flat and in the center is a loose cluster of small petals which look like the handle of a powder puff. The blossom is very large and attractive. **Rooted Cuttings \$.75**

**STRIKE ME PINK**— The foliage is much darker than Petticoat and the double bloom of velvet pink has ivory backed petals. It is an excellent performer. **Rooted Cuttings \$.75**

## TWO STUNNING NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR FALL

**BUD'S SPELLBINDER**— The leaves are the well behaved, interesting girl type with interesting coloring of medium green. The bloom is a deep intense cerise. We have never seen this color in a violet before. It cups deeply and has a faint glow at the edge of the petals. Judging from the reaction of the customers who have seen it, it will be a real winner.

**Limited Stock This Fall**

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

**BUD'S MARDI GRAS**— Bud is developing a strong leaf on a strong stem, dark green in color with a deep wine lining. Mardi Gras has all this plus a blossom of crinoline fluff. The petals are rose lavender with white backing and they billow exactly like a full crinoline skirt. The effect is lovely!

**Limited Stock This Fall**

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

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## GENERAL LIST

So many hundreds of new violets are "born" each year that we can become quite choosy in our selections. The following list is selected from hundreds of varieties. Each plant is beautiful to look at, has a good strong constitution, may be trained into a show plant, and will continue to perform for you as long as you want it in your home. Beautiful blooms cannot offset poor foliage. Our selection has been based on the following three qualities 1) Foliage which tends toward one crown and which is naturally symmetrical. 2) Blooms which have strong stems and flower, for the most part, in clusters. 3) Color which is alive in both flower and foliage. We want plants which look radiant and which give all of us a wonderful lift every time we step into the room where they are blooming.

### Price For This Entire Group

**Rooted Cuttings \$.50**

**Leaves \$.35**

**ANGEL LACE (Granger)**— Light green leaf, DuPont in character but of much better texture. Blooms are large white with a tight fringe of bright orchid.

**BLUE CUSHION**— When this plant is in full bloom, it is delightful. Foliage is light green standard and the bloom is a large double of deep blue edged with chalk white.

**BLUE DELIGHT**— Good standard foliage of lively green with a large single flower of white rayed with bright blue. It blossoms abundantly and is very striking.

**BRONZE ENCHANTMENT** (Granger)— A plant of handsome beauty. Foliage is large, has a bronze cast over deep green long pointed leaves. They are tooth edged and wave slightly and are glossy. The single flower is deep blue with a lovely ruffle.

**DOUBLE ORCHID TRIUMPH** (Peters)— This has Rosa's famous Roseonna leaf—a deep blue gloss green with a pronounced spoon. The stems are strong and grow straight out from the center forming a perfect crown for the flowers. The flowers come in clusters all around the center and are a brilliant variagated violet with a reddish cast.

**GYPSY**— We have had Gypsy on our lists for a long time because she is such a lovely thing to look at. Girl leaves of a bluish green show the rose lining through and the single flower grows up above the leaves. It is a large bloom of clear orchid with a pronounced anther.

**HEART THROB**— A supreme if you ever saw one! The leaves are deeply quilted and grow to be 4 and 5 inches wide. The plant reaches a spread of at least 14 inches wide and would exceed that if we had lots of time to work with it. The bloom is a full double and is the color of pink velvet ribbon. It blooms in clusters of four or more.

**HOLLY SUPREME** (or Iowa)— Huge glossy green leaves, ruffled edges, on strong stems and a flower which is dark blue and ruffled.

**INNOCENCE**— Another one which we cannot take from our lists. When seen in full bloom (and it always is!) customers want it at once. The leaves are deep tawny green with a deep wine lining. The leaves are chalk white and stand in masses above the foliage. The effect is breath taking.

**LAURA** (Granger)— A plant which maintains a good size and shape for a collection. The leaves are medium sized, pointed, and deeply veined. The blossom is a huge lavender fluff growing to two inches in diameter.

**MINDY** (Granger)— Girl foliage of soft green. The bloom has five petals of equal size and shape which form a round flower. The color is rose tipped with brilliant wine. It is a heartbreaker when in full bloom.

**MINUET GIRL**— Girl leaves of soft green and a flower of lovely light blue with a sort of glow.

**MISS AMERICA** (Tinari)— Medium sized DuPont type leaves on long stems with a very large DuPont bloom of light blue.

**NANCY HANKS** (Granger)— Leaves are of DuPont nature but of lighter texture. The bloom is a solid lavender single with a tightly fringed edge. The bloom forms in masses above the center of the plant. Excellent bloomer.

**NAVY BOUQUET** (Tinari)— Long stemmed pointed leaves, deeply veined. An exceptional plant for symmetry. The center is filled with double deep purple blooms. It is a comfortable plant to work with.

**OHIO BOUNTIFUL**— One of the first double pinks. Leaves attain supreme size if cared for. The bloom is large and a full double pink.

**ONONDAGO CHIEF**— Shiny light green leaves of good size and a semi-double flower of white shot with bright rose red.

**PINK ACHIEVEMENT** (Tonkdale)— One of the first double pinks. Good standard leaves of varnished medium green shaded with darker color. The loose double bloom is very good pink and the lighter pink backing of the petals gives a very lovely effect.

**PINK CLOUD** (Lyons)— Another early double pink. Foliage tends toward the DuPont growth and the bloom is DuPont in character. It is a beautiful plant. The pink is very deep.



**PINK CUSHION**— Similar to Ohio Bountiful but with a much more deeply veined foliage. The bloom is a large fluff double of soft pink.

**PINK LAGOON** (Peters)— A plant which grows to supreme size. The foliage is excellent. Blooms are not as full double as most but tend to ruffle slightly. The anthers are very prominent and this adds to the attractiveness of the flower.

**PINK LUSTER** (Tinari)— A medium sized plant of good symmetry. Smallish deep green leaves of glossy green and a flower of lustrous pink. The bloom is single.

**PINK SWAN** (Peters)— A National Show winner. Great blue green leaves with highly varnished finish in the true Roseonna style. The bloom is a tight double and just the color of baby pink velvet ribbon.

**ROSE PINK QUEEN**— This plant has girl leaves which are delightful. They have deep throats of ivory and stand out on strong stems. The edges are perfect pie crust. The clusters of blooms are of ashes of roses color and are double.

**ROSE RAINBOW**— We will keep this one for sale just as long as customers, seeing it, reach for one to take along. The leaves are pointed and veined and are a soft green. The blooms are great chiffon fluffs of variagated rose and white.

**ROSE WING** (Granger)— Light textured DuPont foliage. A large white blossom with heavy fringe and washed with bright rose.

**ROSETTA PLUM**— We know that there are hundreds of double orchid violets. We have chosen this one, however, because the plant is so well shaped. The leaves are dark green, glossy and pointed, and the flower stem has clusters of blossoms which are a radiant red orchid.

**ROYAL SCOT**— The color of this double orchid is so intense that it almost "hurts" to look at it. The petals are vividly veined with deeper orchid. We wager that you won't give this plant up once it is in your collection.

**SAILOR'S DELIGHT**— Small sharply pointed girl leaves and strong stems. Flowers are a lovely forget-me-not blue, semi-double. A very handsome little plant.

**SAILOR GIRL**— A companion plant to Sailor's Delight. Same pointed girl leaf and same color of blue but a good sized single bloom.

**SANTA MARIA** (Granger)— Foliage and flower compete for honors. The flower is a solid powder blue, has a ruffled edge and blooms constantly. The leaves are long, pointed and of that varnished blue green not often seen. The leaf is lined with a very vivid wine red.

**SMILING BABE**— A small plant whose foliage probably has girl ancestry. The blossom is round and the petals form very evenly. They have a radiant blush rose color in the center and shade to a deeper orchid at the outside.

**SNOW PRINCE**— A large leaf of light green velvet. The blossom is extremely large and chalk white. It is always a staunch bloomer. Has always been the best white.

**SUGAR BABE** (Tinari)— A small girl of very nice habits. The flower is a deep rose with a sugar white edge.

**WHITE MADONNA**— You will never find a hardier, harder blooming plant. The blooms come in thick clusters and cover the plant with double white blooms. The leaves are girl and very strong growing.

**WHITE PUFF** (Granger)— Foliage is light texture DuPont and a light shade of green. The flower is a full double white with a fringed edge.

BLUE POM (Granger)— We know that we will never be able to keep enough of this one in stock. Customers never fail to "take one home". The leaves are a glossy grass green in the DuPont nature but very well behaved. The blossoms are huge DuPont doubles in Alice blue and come in collections of 15 at a time!

**Rooted Cuttings \$1.00**

### **SOME EXCITING VARIETIES FOR FALL SHIPMENT**

Most of the following varieties are new, or nearly so, on the market. Every one of them is unusually beautiful and well behaved. Please do not ask for these for spring. We have to build up stock and will not be ready to ship them until fall.

**Rooted Cuttings 60c**

**Leaves 45c**

BRENITA GIRL (Tinari)— A lovely medium sized plant with beautiful girl leaves. A blossom as large as a half dollar of clear orchid.

EXTOL RED— We will have this Rosa Peters brilliant wine red in limited stock this fall. We nearly murdered our stock plants because it was so popular and must go slow on cutting again. It has strong girl leaves.

FRINGED SNOW PRINCE— Every customer who has seen this violet has made a reservation for a cutting. It is a handsome plant. The foliage is light green velvet and the single white blooms stand up like freshly ironed white doilies which have been starched. The edges of the petals have a beautiful fringe.

FRIVOLETTA— The foliage is bright gloss green, fringed and airy appearing. The blooms are intense orchid, heavily ruffled and double.

GAY SENORA— It has that dark girl foliage which behaves so well and the bloom is rose lavender sweet pea type with lots of frills.

GIANT SNOW PRINCE— A supreme Snow Prince. They tell us that the blossoms are simply enormous.

LITTLE ARISTOCRAT (Granger)— A semi-double of ruffled deep blue and a very black green foliage of Holly type.

MEG (Granger)— Foliage is girl in character. The bloom is very much frilled and is a perfectly lovely bi-colored orchid.

METEOR— Leaves are deep blue green, wide with some point and the flower is a deep red orchid double heavily fringed.

NAUGHTY LADY— We love this one. The leaves are long stemmed husky girl type and pointed. The flowers come in clusters of fluffy doubles which range in color from white washed with rose, through rose to rosy purple and deep purple. Some blossoms have quite a bit of chalk white. Every blossom is a surprise.

ORIENTAL— When you own a well grown plant of Oriental you have a very striking addition in your collection. The leaves are long, tawny green with red lining. Each leaf cups up to a canoe shape and the whole effect is oriental in feeling. The blooms are deep purple.

RED ALBINO GIRL— A foliage which is probably girl in character but which is not too large. It is deeply pinked and shows lots of ivory through a medium green. The blossom is a clear wine red.

SHOW STAR (TenHagen)— An extremely bright cheerful plant. The leaves are good size of very shiny green. They grow in nice symmetry and above them the blooms grow in groups of about three. Each blossom is pink with a blue star in the center. Feeding and correct lighting keep the color interesting.

## HANGING BASKET VIOLETS — Ready For Fall Shipping

Ever tried one? If you haven't, you are missing something. We have Bud's Tickled Pink in a redwood basket and the following two varieties in copper hanging baskets. They add sparkle to a kitchen or dinette window. If hung on a swinging rod, the light can be controlled so that they will thrive nicely.

**Rooted Cuttings 60c**

**Leaves 45c**

**CLEONE**— We bought a cutting of this one two years ago. As soon as it was blooming size, it began to blossom and from that day to this it has never been without a mass of lovely little light blue double blooms. The leaves are round and the stems are long. It seems to thoroughly enjoy being a hanging basket violet.

**VARIAGATED GROTEI**— An improved Grotei foliage with a suggestion of soft down. The flowers are chalk white with streaks and splotches of bright blue. They are single and stand up from the foliage.

### MINIATURES

We offer the following miniatures with the understanding that "first come is first served". When our supply is exhausted, we will be frank to say so. Our stock is growing all the time and we hope that we will be able to supply everyone who wants one or more of these "small fry".

**Rooted Cuttings 65c**

**Leaves 50c**

**BLAZING GIRL**— Girl foliage which curls and scallops and has good sized wine red blooms. Never exceeds 3 inches in width.

**CHINA DOLL (Bud's)**— A true miniature. Medium green very pointed leaves and a rose bud double pink bloom. About 3½ inches.

**DOUBLE ROSE BUD**— The girl leaves are round, very deep green and have a red throat. The blossoms are double deep red wine. 4 inches.

**DOLLY DIMPLES**— Petite plant of girl foliage and deep blue single blooms. 3 inches.

**FROSTY**— A miniature Wintergreen but with more white in the foliage. 3 inches.

**GYPSY PINK**— Petite girl leaves and a bloom as bright as Pink Girl.

**PANSY BEAUTY**— A handsomely tailored little plant with a flat growing crown of very dark varnished foliage which is extremely pointed. The flowers are blush rose with a brilliant wine tip on each petal.

**PINK EARS**— Dark green leaves with a soft down. Blossoms are white with the two upper petals rose pink. 4 inches.

**RUFFLED BEAUTY**— Girl foliage which is full of ruffles and scallops. The bloom is good size and is solid orchid. 3 inches.

**RED PRINCE**— Another true miniature. Tiny leaves which grow in a perfect crown and tiny wine red blooms. It is very sweet! 3 inches.

**SNOW LACE**— We will try to keep enough of this for mail order. However, when customers see it in the greenhouse, our supply is soon gone. The plant is another true miniature. Pointed tiny leaves grow very evenly from center. The blossom is a tiny button of pure white double. 3 inches.

**ZANZIBAR**— This is a beautiful plant. The foliage seems black rather than green and is lined with vivid red. Blossoms cluster and are a very deep garnet, double. 4 inches.

**WHITE PRINCESS**— So tiny that you can't believe it! White petals with the upper two blush pink. 2½ to 3 inches. Stock very limited.

## THE FOLLOWING WILL BE READY FOR FALL SHIPMENT

### Rooted Cuttings 70c

### Leaves 55c

ADMIRAL'S LADY— Girl leaves of a lively green, well behaved. Royal blue blooms, single, stand up from the plant on strong stems. 3½ to 4 inches.

ALL AGLOW— Girl leaves which do not have the light throat. They are blue green. The blooms are deep glowing pink.

BO-PEEP— Especially nice medium green foliage with saw toothed edge and slightly wavy. A crisp sweet pea bloom is a fresh mauve color. 3½ to 4 inches.

CHERIE— Bright green leaves with pie crust edge. Very much ruffled sweet pea blooms in deep rose orchid. 3½ to 4 inches.

CINDERELLA— Light green foliage with pinked edges and slightly wavy. Blooms are ruffled sky blue with a chalk white center. This plant is particularly lovely. 3½ inches.

EVENING SUNSET— Limited stock. Small DuPont leaves with a bloom of light blue flushed with rose. Has a prominent eye. Not easy to grow but is worth the effort when a bloom arrives. 3½ inches.

GRANDMA'S QUILT— We have never seen one quite like this. The green is very, very blue and is quilted very heavily. You would swear that it had been quilted by hand. The blooms are adorable. They are miniature dark blue double and stand in clusters from the crown of the plant. 3½ to 4 inches.

MINNEAPOLIS (Tonkdale)— The leaf probably has girl ancestry but has no white throat and not much pie crust. It's dark color is a perfect setting for a full double rose pink. 3½ inches.

MOON BEAM— A husky girl leaf of small size with a large flower of very clear light blue. 3 to 3½ inches.

PAINTED BALLERINA— A petite girl leaf with a claret colored flower. 3 inches.

PRECIOUS— Very small pointed leaves and double rosebud pink blossom. Usually stays 3 inches.

PRINCESS MARGARET— Especially good girl leaves which do not bunch. Bright lavender sweet pea bloom with lots of ruffle. 3½ inches.

SILVER TOKEN— I wish I could describe this one so that you could imagine it. It has an almost round leaf with wide pie crust edge. The center is bottle green and the edge has a luminous green of lighter color. The bloom is a deeply cupped sweet pea bloom of mauve. Very limited stock. 3 to 3½ inches.

SUGAR AND SPICE— Pointed girl leaf and a clear orchid blossom splashed with deep purple. About a 4 inch plant.

TEAR DROP— The leaves are cousins (not too many times removed) of the species *Ameniensis*. They are small, crisp, pointed and grass green. The blossom is a tiny semi-double of sky blue. This one does not grow too fast but, once established, it makes a lovely plant for your miniature collection. 3 inches.



## **PLASTIC LABELS**

We use Life Time Plastic Labels exclusively for three reasons— 1) They are neat and attractive. 2) They are easily cleaned for re-use. 3) They last a life time. These labels measure 4½ inches in length, just right for a violet pot. Made of white plastic, the paddle top permits comfortable printing with pencil. The printing never fades but can be scrubbed off with scouring powder.

**Packaged In Cellophane Bags. 20 Labels 35c. 100 Labels \$1.15**

## **MICHIGAN PEAT**

We live in the Michigan Peat country and have access to a very good supply put out by the Rushland Peat folks. It is particularly good for African Violets because it still contains some of the moss which we need for coarse friable soil. Michigan State University has tested it and finds that it is not as acid as are some types. We can sell it in small or large quantities. It is finely shredded.

**2 Quart Bag 45c**

**4 Quart Bag 55c**

**1 Peck Bag \$1.00**

**We ask a charge of 25c to help with postage.**

## **A CLEVER BOOKLET**

**HOW TO GROW AND BLOOM AFRICAN VIOLETS—** by Lawrence Heinl. 40c added to your order will bring you this delightful booklet. It is written by a man who knows violet culture inside and out and is filled with good advice and instruction. The whole book is illustrated with clever pictures and when you read it, your fingers itch to work with your plants. Every violet lover should have one.

## NOTES



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