

VIOLA ODORATA



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Viola tricolor hortensis, commonly known as Pansy, is a plant belonging to the Violaceae family, recognized for its velvety petals and multicolored flowers that resemble a “face.” This flower, which adds vibrancy to gardens, is a symbol of winter and spring due to its resistance to cold weather.



The species originates from Europe and Western Asia. This hybrid, developed through the crossbreeding of wild violet species, has been an essential part of garden art for centuries. Because it prefers cool climates, it is widely used in park and garden landscaping throughout the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere, especially across Turkey.

Cultivation and Uses

Viola prefers sunny or partially shaded locations and moist, nutrient-rich soils. Unlike many other flowers, it is tolerant of light frosts and can continue to bloom even under snow. It is easily grown from seed, and with regular watering, it remains in flower for a long time.



In landscaping, it is commonly preferred as a ground cover, a filler plant for flower beds, or a container plant. Thanks to its compact growth habit, it creates an excellent visual border for defining edges and borders. In addition, pansy flowers are edible; therefore, they are frequently used in modern cuisine to decorate salads and desserts. Removing spent flowers encourages the plant to produce new buds.