## **Golden Acre Home & Garden**

### **Optimara Chico African Violet**

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Optimara Chico African Violet Saintpaulia 'Optimara Chico'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: 0

Hardiness Zone: 10b

#### **Description:**

Optimara Chico African Violet flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

A wonderful continuous blooming variety that creates a wonderful display in indoor containers and tabletops; white, slightly ruffled flowers with light blue edges rise above deep green foliage; easy to grow and low maintenance

#### **Features & Attributes**

Optimara Chico African Violet features dainty clusters of white round flowers with yellow eyes and blue edges held atop the stems from late winter to late fall. Its tomentose round leaves emerge light green, turning dark green in colour throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a more or less rounded form. You may trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage releat blooming.

#### **Planting & Growing**

When grown indoors, Optimara Chico African Violet can be expected to grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant should be situated in a location that that gets indirect sunlight at most, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers to grow in average to moist soil. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

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