

SEPARATING VEGETATIVE *VIOLA RIVINIANA* AND *V. CANINA*



The stipules of *V. riviniana* have numerous fine fimbriae which often point sideways. Those of *V. canina* have short, usually forward-pointing teeth

The leaves of *V. riviniana* are generally broadly ovate in shape with a strongly cordate base. The leaves of *V. canina* are roughly triangular in shape with a truncate or shallowly cordate base

The upper surface of the leaves of *V. riviniana* usually has short white hairs. The upper surface of the leaves of *V. canina* is usually glabrous

The leaves of *V. riviniana* are mid to bright green in colour. Those of *V. canina* are dark green and feel thicker and rather leathery in texture.

V. riviniana often has soboles; *V. canina* lacks these.

With *V. riviniana* the flowering shoots arise from around a non-flowering rosette of leaves but with *V. canina* all leaves are on flowering stems