

SEPARATING VEGETATIVE *VIOLA ODORATA* AND *V. HIRTA*



Stipules very similar but those of *V. odorata* tend to be broader and more triangular, those of *V. hirta* narrower and more lanceolate

The petiole hairs of *V. odorata* are shorter and appressed, those of *V. hirta* slightly longer and patent

The leaves of *V. odorata* are more or less round with a deeply cordate base, those of *V. hirta* longer than broad with a shallowly cordate base

Some leaves of *V. odorata* often remain round the base of the plant throughout the winter and are still present when the first flowers appear, although in an untidy and moribund form. The leaves of *V. hirta* generally die and disappear at the end of the flowering season

V. odorata has stolons and may form spreading patches. *V. hirta* has no stolons and grows in clumps.