

The Scottish Rock Garden Club
Forrest Medal Hexham 2022
Viola brevistipulata var. *hidakana*
Shown by Ian Kidman



Ian Kidman's huge pan of *Viola brevistipulata* var *hidakana* fought off stiff competition to be judged the winner of the Forrest medal. Bought as a young plant about ten years ago Ian has nourished it into this magnificent specimen. The plant was so robust that it has cracked its pot! Judges and stewards were afraid to move it for judging in case the pot broke.

Viola brevistipulata is native to Hokkaido and Honshu growing in bright woodland. Its wonderful canary yellow flowers are complimented by its shiny dark green leaves. The lower of its five flower petals are marked by purple lines adding to their beauty. Edrom Nursery which stock the plant state on their web site that it is 'easy to grow'. Maybe!but to produce a specimen like Ian's takes patience and skill.

