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Hexham joint show

Forrest Medal - 28 March 2026

Viola brevistipitulata hidakana

Ian Kidman





This choice violet hails from Japan, in the higher mountains, where it is said to flower in mid-summer. Var. hidakana, is somewhat shorter, with thick-textured glossy leaves, purple-flushed beneath. Ian's mature potful flowered well for our Hexham joint show in late April. It should do well outside in lowland gardens as long as it isn't too dry. It's deciduous so deep green leaves emerge with a bronze tinge each spring to form mats of growth from which rise the solitary flowers. On a good sized plant large numbers are produced as with this individual . Flower colour is a rich canary-yellow and a sweet scent is said to be present though I did not notice it on Ian's impressive show plant. This is not its first success on the show bench as it took the Forrest medal at the same show in 2023.