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Four dozen viola (*Viola cornuta*) and pansy (*Viola wittrockiana*) varieties were evaluated for flowering performance over 6 months during our 2016-2017 cool season trials. Plants were planted in the ground in early October and evaluated nine times through the end of March. Today we feature the top five varieties that performed with flying colors.

For the second year in a row, Viola Admire® Marina (from Benary) scored in First Place, receiving top ratings of 4 or 5 (out of 5) at each evaluation. In Second Place was Viola Sorbet® XP Blue Blotch Improved (from PanAmerican Seed), also receiving top scores throughout the trial.

Rounding out the top five were Viola Admire® Yellow Improved, Viola Admire® Yellow Purple Wing (both placed in last year's top five as well), and Pansy Inspire® Plus Lemon Blotch (all from Benary).



Viola Sorbet® XP Blue Blotch Improved (after a rain shower)



Viola Admire® Marina



Viola Admire® Yellow Purple Wing



Pansy Inspire® Plus Lemon Blotch



Viola Admire® Yellow Improved