

AV Fast Facts:

- ✓ The African violet is found in the wild only in Kenya and Tanzania.
- ✓ It is not a true violet, but its flowers resemble violets in shape and color.
- ✓ The African violet is actually a group of species with the scientific name: *Saintpaulia* (San-paul'-ee-ah).
- ✓ Through selection and breeding, one species has become a common houseplant worldwide.
- ✓ All species of *Saintpaulia* are endangered in the wild.
- ✓ Habitat loss due to logging and agriculture is the biggest threat to wild AVs.

How you can help support the African Violet Conservation Fund:

Buy a test tube African violet plant. All proceeds from the sale of this species go to the AVCF. Use the form below, or email

testtubeplants@cincinnati200.org; or go to the website:

<http://www.cincinnati200.org/earth/CREW/testtubeplants.html>

Donate to the AVCF. Make checks payable to the Cincinnati Zoo and designate *AVCF* on the check.

I would like to order _____ African violet test tube plants at \$6.00 each, plus shipping (\$4.25 for 1-3 plants (inquire for larger orders) / **I would like to donate** _____ to the AVCF (free booklet with donations of \$10 or more).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Phone or email: _____

Payment enclosed: _____

Charge: _____ to: Visa ___ MC ___

Billing Address: _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Send to: Test Tube Plants, CREW,
Cincinnati Zoo, 3400 Vine St.,
Cincinnati, OH 45220



The African Violet Conservation Fund

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