

## Diseases of Specific Florist Crops

Keeping florist crops free of disease requires constant care and planning. Prevention is the basis of freedom from disease and should be an integral part of the general cultural program. The symptoms of the diseases of major florist crops are described individually by crop in a series of fact sheets.

### African Violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*)

- Root-knot nematode: Swollen, knobby areas on roots.
- Foliar nematode: Distortion and yellow areas on foliage.
- Powdery mildew: White dusty patches on foliage or flowers.
- Impatiens necrotic spot virus: Brown spots in foliage or collapse of center leaves; resembles the more commonly seen crown rot caused by *Phytophthora parasitica* or *Pythium myriotylum*.

