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Subject: Does One Crown Mean That my Violet is Royalty?

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## African Violet Society of America

### AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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Welcome to AVSA's Weekly Growing Tip email. We hope you benefit from our experience and expertise!

#### Crowns Don't Make African Violets Royal

A crown is a plant term describing one single center of growth and all the leaves which developed from that center of growth. Violets develop new leaves at the center of the crown. The oldest leaves radiating from that center of growth will be the lowest row connected to the main stem. In a perfect crown the leaves seem to radiate out in a perfect swirl of ever-increasing leaves- often called a rosette.

A secondary crown is often called a sucker. Suckers grow between the leaf axils in the same places where bud stems form. Suckers may be removed and potted in their own pots. If a sucker is not removed, it will grow to be as large as the original crown. This can make the pot unstable and the overall look of the plant less appealing. Violets bloom and grow best if there is only one crown per pot. Master the crown! Maybe even win a tiara...



Every leaf is part of this crown of "Ace of Clubs" (K. Stork hybrid)

Learn more about [African Violet Terms](#) from the [African Violet Society of America!](#)

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Sincerely,

Joyce Stork  
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