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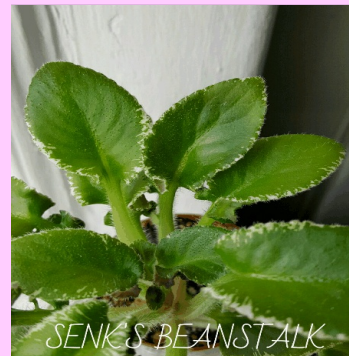
Weekly Growing Tip!

Bustles on the Backside

Old but New Again

"Bustled" is a difficult-to-describe and somewhat rare [type](#) of African violet foliage which has fascinated growers for many years. Each bustled variety has an extra growth on the backside of some leaves. To make it easier for you to understand, Patrick Delaney, a talented photographer and member of the [Love for Wasps](#) Facebook group, shares these photos of three different and uniquely bustled varieties.

Senk's Beanstalk has multiple bustles clustered on the back of the leaves. The hybridizer, David Senk, has released many hybrids with surprisingly unconventional traits in the last fifteen years.



Senk's Beanstalk



Blue Tail Fly

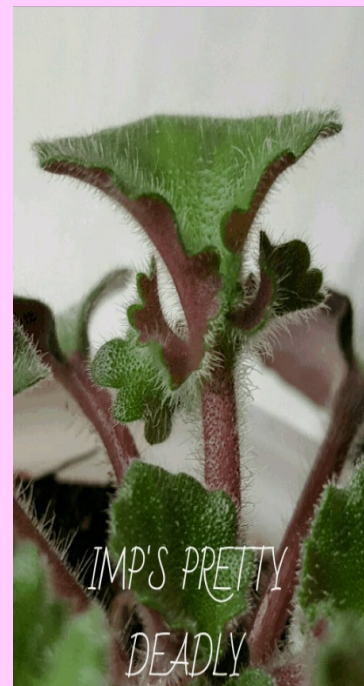
has classic extra sets of leaves on the the main leaf.

This vintage variety was developed by Jimmy Dates, who did most of his work in the 1960's.

Blue Tail Fly

Imp's Pretty Deadly

has space between the main leaf blade and the bustles below. [Jeff Jackson](#) is one of the most recent new hybridizers in this field.



Imp's Pretty Deadly

To Learn More About Bustles, attend this [presentation](#) at the African Violet Society of America Orlando Convention:

- "How Unique Are Your African Violets?" Friday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., presented by Linda Hall, Ravenwood, MO. *Do you grow the unusual leaf forms and unique blossom type plants? Come join in the fun and learn their origins, how long they have been in existence and what current hybridizers are working on, as well as viewing some of the originals, bustle leaf and wasp blossom forms from Jimmy Dates.*

The following [AVSA Commercial Vendors](#) sell some African violet varieties with unusual traits:

- [Bloomlovers](#)
- [Blooming Jungle](#)
- [Fancy Bloomers](#)
- [Lyndon Lyon Greenhouses](#)
- [Moonlight Nurseries](#)
- [The Violet Barn](#)

[Do You Grow Any African Violets with Bustles? Take our quick poll!](#)

Happy Growing!

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News from the African Violet Society of America

Attention Senior Judges! See the March/April issue of the [African Violet Magazine](#) page 31 for details about renewal examinations.

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