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Exacum affine

ARABIAN VIOLET is an evergreen biennial or perennial. Native to the Island of Socotra in the Indian Ocean it has small fragrant, light blue-purple flowers with conspicuous golden stamens.

It is also known as *Arabská fialka* (Czech), *Exakum* (Czech), German violet, *Hořepník pomezní* (Czech), *Hořkolist* (Czech), *Modrá líza* (Czech), Persian violet, and *Perská fialka* (Czech).

Affine is derived from Latin *adfinis* (related, connected with) meaning ‘related to, allied to or similar to’.