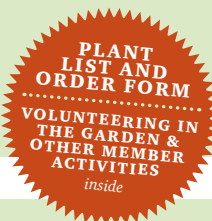




Pukeiti NEWSLETTER

Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust Inc.



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Summer at Pukeiti

January - the visitors continue to stream into Pukeiti, many using the cafe as their destination. Being well-stocked and having a friendly staff have ensured it a growing and positive reputation.

Work continues on the paths to The Lodge and on the new tracks which will ultimately allow cyclists to ride to Oakura. An over-night hut, nearing completion, will provide a place to take a break on the journey and for families to experience a night in the bush. Most people, though, come to enjoy the environment and experience the garden walks, and even a ride in the buggy. The explorer kits designed for the children encourage them to find the network of huts and learn a little more about Pukeiti.

Outstanding among the flowers at this time of the year are the many hydrangeas, the acid soils ensuring that the various shades of blue predominate. But here and there are a few late season rhododendrons, including a particularly late flowering *R. decorum* grown from seed collected in Yunnan. The hero, though, is *R. excellens*, also grown from wild collected seed. It grows naturally in the 'jungles' of South Yunnan and North Vietnam. It suits the climate at Pukeiti. Given plenty of light and the shelter of the bush edge, its trumpet-like white scented flowers (not unlike a late *R. nuttallii*) and the new red foliage highlights them making the group planted adjacent to the Giant Rata unforgettable.

A visit at this time of the year would be incomplete without a walk through the Vireya House. It is looking superb. There are a few vireyas in flower, *R. 'Cherry Pie'*, *R. hyacinthosmum*, *R. x coriifolium* among them, but the attention seekers at this time are the foliage plants particularly, *Podophyllum 'Kaleidoscope'* and the Chatham Island forget-me-nots, *Myosotidium hortensia*, the candy floss plant, *Helmholtzia glaberrima*, a rare plant from Australia and the giant African lobelia, *Lobelia aberdarica*.

Despite the dry summer the new plantings around The Lodge are beginning to enhance its environs.

Pukeiti is certainly worth a visit during the summer.

Lynn Bublitz



Above: The Vireya House and conical piceas.
Left: *Helmholtzia glaberrima*
Centre: *R. x coriifolium*
Below: *R. decorum*



From the Members' Committee

Welcome to 2020. By the time you receive this newsletter some of us will have already enjoyed our first Members' activity – bush walks followed by a social get together at The Lodge. But worry not if you missed this, there are plenty more activities to come.

REVIVE THE MEMORIES DAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

We last held this in 2016 when it was very well attended and enjoyed by all involved. This day is centered around our older members who, in the past, helped establish the garden and who volunteered in other ways to ensure the success of the Trust but who now, for one reason or another, find it more difficult to enjoy what Pukeiti offers.

If you've been a volunteer in the past and would like to attend, please RSVP by 24 February to Heather or Diane so we know how many to cater for.

Heather by phone: (06) 757 2460 or email: cattrobson@gmail.com

Diane by phone: (06) 752 2800 or email: jordy@primowireless.co.nz mobile: 021 129 3547

AUTUMN MEMBERS' DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Douglas Cook Room, Pukeiti Lodge

A cup of tea or coffee will be available in the atrium from 10:30am and members who have organised to do so, will be able to pick up their ordered plants at this time. We will also have for sale any surplus plants from the plant list and sometimes we also have a few very special rhododendrons that become available after the list is printed.

Andrew Brooker will be offering a guided walk at 10:45 or you may wish to

CLEVER PLANTS: As a timid little third former sitting in your English class, when you were asked to write an essay on "What Life Will Be Like in 2000", I'm sure many of you wrote clever things about self-cleaning houses; intergalactic holidays; a world without pestilence, famine and wars and such like. I'm less sure that even one of you thought to speculate that it would still be 20 years before plants could take photos of themselves!

This article appeared in the Taranaki Daily News on October 17 last year and I thought some of you may find it intriguing. Heather Robson

Plant 'selfies' will help keep an eye on wildlife

Britain

Scientists have "taught" plants to take selfie photographs, in a development that will make monitoring the wildlife in rainforests much easier.

The first "plant selfie" has been taken with the help of researchers from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), after they invented a camera activated by a small electric charge generated by the plant's natural energy.

Earlier this year, scientists installed microbial fuel cells in ZSL London Zoo's Rainforest Life exhibit to power a plant to take its own photo, with the ultimate aim of using plants to power camera traps and sensors in the wild.

The experiment was a success, with the plant able to take pictures of itself without further human intervention.

After spending the northern summer growing in strength, "Pete" – a maidenhair fern – photographs "himself" regularly.

Scientists will refine the trial before setting up an experiment in the wild.

The battery works because plants produce sugars through photosynthesis. These do not remain in the leaves, but are transported throughout the plant to the stem and roots, where some are excreted as waste product.

Bacteria that naturally surround the roots break down the sugars, releasing electrons and protons, which are captured by an anode and a cathode, charging the fuel cell. When the cell is full, the power is discharged and a photo is taken.

This technology is groundbreaking because it works in the shade. The batteries currently used for rainforest monitoring technology rely on solar power. It also reduces the need to replace batteries.

The fuel cells have the potential to power devices for monitoring inhospitable and remote locations for data such as temperature, humidity and plant growth, to aid understanding of climate change and habitat loss.

Telegraph Group

catch a ride with Craig or just wander round the gardens by yourselves.

At approximately 12:00 noon (after the Board Meeting) there will be an auction of a few items that used to be in the Members' Lodge but will not be used in the new Lodge.

This will be followed directly by the Members' Pot Luck Lunch which will be served in the Douglas Cook Room.

After lunch David Lawrence will talk to us about some of his recent travels.

WORKING BEES

Anyone wanting to contribute to the maintenance of the garden and increase their plant knowledge, and sometimes their plant collection, are welcome to join the merry band of regular member volunteers on Wednesdays. Volunteering starts at 9:00am from the staff quarters but you are welcome to arrive anytime and although most of us stay for the morning, we all just finish when it suits us on the day.

DISCOUNTS at Founders Café and Shop

A reminder that Karen and Graham have offered members a 10% discount on café purchases and the TRC will match this on anything purchased from the shop, on presentation of a valid membership card. The café is currently open 10am – 4pm daily, but from March 01 will be open Wednesday to Sunday only, and from June 01 will be open Friday to Sunday plus every public holiday.

PLANT SALE ORDERS CLOSE

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

We will try to dispatch the out-of-town orders the following week. Thursday 19 March is also the date by which we must receive the cheque for any e-mailed orders or your plants may be reallocated to other members.

You are again advised to get your orders in promptly to maximise your chances of getting the plants you order.

PLANT COLLECTION

FRIDAY MARCH 27

Plant Collection day for those picking up their plants. The plants are now packed in New Plymouth and to save us carrying boxes of plants up to Pukeiti we would like those members living in New Plymouth to collect their plants from the address below.

Plants will be available for picking up from 12A Tamati Place, Merrilands, New Plymouth between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm on Friday March 27. If this does not suit you, alternative arrangements can be made by ringing Heather on (06) 757 2460 or emailing cattrobson@gmail.com

If you will need to collect your plants from Pukeiti on the Saturday, please make sure you tick this option on the order form so that your plants can be transported up there.

THE LIBRARY

Gordon Collier, our Patron, has donated a considerable proportion of his library to the Trust. This along with other donations require additional library shelving to be built in the Boardroom.

CONSERVATION EX-SITU PROJECT

Andrew Brooker with the help of other members is travelling extensively throughout the country collecting scions of species rhododendrons which are an essential part of this internationally important project, led by Dr Marion Mackay, Massey University.

The Pukeiti Trust substantially funds this project.



Rhododendron excellens

**Section Rhododendron,
sub-section Maddenia,
Dalhousiae Alliance**

R. excellens is an upright evergreen shrub to 3m tall. It has attractive glossy green leaves that are oblong-elliptic 11-19 cm long x 3.5-8 cm wide. When in flower it is spectacular. The inflorescence is composed of 3-5 white, scented flowers each having a corolla that is funnel-campanulate and 10-11 cm long.

R. excellens is found in SW Yunnan and S Guizhou, China and Northern Vietnam in evergreen broadleaf forests or thickets. It is listed as

Vulnerable on the RED LIST and is regarded as uncommon in cultivation.

At Pukeiti it was flowering down by the giant rata in mid-January this year. If propagation goes well, we hope to have it available on the plant list in the not too distant future.



HELP NEEDED FROM HOARDERS/ARCHIVISTS.

We are after copies of old plant lists. These are needed as evidence for the presence of plants in New Zealand prior to 1998 for a determination (as 'not a new organism') by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). If a plant is determined as 'not a new organism' then it should become possible to import new wild sourced material or varieties to expand the genetic base in New Zealand.

We are missing the following lists:

1981, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1998.

If you have a copy of any of these, we would love a copy or the original if you don't need it anymore.

Please send to cattrobson@gmail.com
or Peter Catt, 12a Tamati Place, New Plymouth 4312

**Please mark
these dates on
your calendar**

Members' Activities

2020

ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Autumn Members' Day

A selection of members' gardens which are not normally part of the festival will be open for members to visit.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Mid-winter Lunch

Please book by Wednesday, June 17. Details in May Newsletter

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Soup & Roll Lunch

A walk round the Large Leafed Rhododendrons followed by a homely lunch in The Douglas Cook Room. More Details later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Garden Visits

A selection of members' and public gardens will be open for members to visit.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Spring Members' Day & AGM

Details later in the year.

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 30 –
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 08**

2020 Taranaki Garden Festival –

– volunteers needed for hosting in the Lodge and membership recruitment.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

End of Year BBQ

RSVP Thursday, December 10

Volunteering in the Garden.

On any Wednesday that suits, meet up with the regular Wednesday volunteers outside the staff quarters at 9:00 to help with the garden maintenance. Any help is very welcome.

Plant Sale Orders Close

Friday, March 20

Plants purchased Pick-up

Friday, March 27, between 2pm – 5pm, 12A Tamati Place, Merrilands, New Plymouth **OR** Saturday, 28 March at Pukeiti – if the appropriate box was ticked on your order form.

Members' Committee Meetings

Monday, May 05 – 9:30am - The Lodge
Monday, August 18 – 9:30am - The Lodge
Tuesday, November 17 – 9:30am - The Lodge

Propagation Workshop

Prepare plants for later Members' Sales

All Welcome at Pukeiti, Wednesday, July 22

Board Meetings

Saturday, March 28 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge
Saturday, June 20 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge
Saturday, October 17 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27 – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 Rhododendron Conference, Timaru



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Members' Plant List

2290 Carrington Rd, New Plymouth, New Zealand

Welcome to the plant list for 2020.

This year, our rhododendrons again come from Tawa Glenn Nursery and Pukeiti. We have only very small numbers of all the Pukeiti propagated Plants, other than the perennials. Although it is a little bit of a lottery as to whether you get one of these special plants, by having them on the list it does give members the chance to obtain plants that are often rare in the wild and seldom, if ever offered in retail outlets.

If the name of the plant has 'ss' at the end, it means it is one of these and you need to order it quickly. Remember, we work on a first come, first served basis so if you really want one of the plants I strongly suggest ordering immediately by return e-mail or mail. If sending your order by e-mail, just scan your completed order form and e-mail it to cattrobson@gmail.com and then post your cheque and order form. Heather will then reserve and put aside your plants. If she has not received your cheque by the 19 March, your plants may be reallocated.

Heather continues to keep a record of those plants where demand exceeds supply and which are not readily available from garden centres. Should we be offered those plants in a following year, she will offer them preferentially to those members who missed out previously. That way, if you miss out first time, you will hopefully get another opportunity to purchase it. Several members have been given priority for plants they missed out on previously. This year, for future reference, we will also be keeping a record of the name, address and contact details of members who purchase Rhododendron species. These plants are part of our Conservation Project and their traceability is important should we ever need to ask you to let us have some cuttings for propagation purposes.

The letter attached to the number will indicate where it has been sourced from:

P = Pukeiti;
T = Tawa Glen Nursery;
R = Robert's bulbs.

Reminder: Plants labelled with (ss) are in short supply.

All plants from Tawa Glen are in 2.5L pots. The Pukeiti sourced plants are in pots varying from 2.5L for all Rhododendrons to 10cm pots for some perennials.

We do encourage members ordering plants to collect them in person, if possible. This optimises the condition of the plants you receive and decreases the cost to you. We would prefer those

people living in New Plymouth to collect their plants from 12A Tamati Place, New Plymouth on Friday 27 March (between 1:00pm & 5:00pm) or by alternative arrangements made with Heather Robson (06) 757-2460. If this isn't possible you will be able to collect your plant orders from Pukeiti on Saturday 28 March. If the latter is your choice then please tick the appropriate box on the order form so that your plants can be taken up to Pukeiti. For those who can't collect their own order we will again be using Fastway Couriers. They have provided us and you with an excellent service over the past decade but should there be any problem with the delivery product then please tell the courier first before notifying Heather.

All plants are believed to be correctly named and we endeavor to describe them as accurately as possible but size and flowering is a rough guide only as this can vary according to local conditions.

Please use the guide below to allow enough for the freight on your limited open order cheque. There is no minimum order required.

Postage & Packaging	Plants	Postage & Packaging	Plants	Postage & Packaging	Plants	Postage & Packaging
Short Haul (Taranaki)	1-5	\$12.00	6-10	\$24.00	11-15	\$32.00
Rest of N.I.	1-5	\$20.00	6-10	\$40.00	11-15	\$58.00
Mainland S.I.	1-5	\$40.00	6-10	\$68.00	11-15	\$90.00
Additional Rural Delivery Charge	1-5	\$6.00	6-10	\$12.00	11-15	\$18.00

PAYMENT by limited open cheque. Write across the top of the cheque 'Limited to \$...'

(The dollar amount you put in this space is the maximum amount you have worked out that your order could cost and the maximum amount your cheque can be made out for. Please remember the rural delivery charge applies to any R.D. address and varies with the number of plants ordered.)

Make your cheque payable to **Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust** and sign and cross it in the normal way.

Please leave the space for the actual amount blank for us to fill in when we know the actual value of plants supplied and the actual freight cost. A copy of your order and a receipt for the exact amount your cheque has been made out for will accompany your purchase.



R. 'Lemon Lodge'



R. 'Floral Gift'



R. hyacinthosmum

Rhododendrons - Species

1P	<i>R. davidsonianum</i> (ss): An erect shrub to 3m with evergreen leaves densely covering the plant. Whilst not very floriferous the pale pink flowers are a delight in the spring.	\$25.00
2T	<i>R. edgeworthii</i> : The leaves are covered with very fine hairs (dark orange to pale beige-brown.) Flowers are bell-shaped, white or white flushed pink, may have yellow blotch at base and very fragrant. 1m	\$20.00
3T	<i>R. pleistanthum</i> : Upright growing to 1.2m. This form has good tight trusses of strong lilac flowers that have bright red spots flaring out on the upper lobe.	\$20.00
4T	<i>R. scabrifolium</i> var. <i>spiciferum</i> .(ss): A wonderful species rhododendron with small grey-green hairy leaves and massed clusters of pink flowers. Very free flowering. Early. 1m	\$25.00

Azalea Species

5P	<i>R. nakaharae</i> (ss) 'Orange form': A graceful orange form of a low or prostrate twiggy shrub to 0.3m. Late flowering. Endemic to grassland in northern Taiwan, it is classed as Endangered.	\$25.00
6P	<i>R. noriakianum</i> (ss): A low shrub endemic to Central Taiwan in sub alpine rocky slopes and open grasslands. Currently listed as Vulnerable. These plants were grown from wild seed and the flower colour is pink.	\$25.00

Vireya - Species

7P	<i>R. album</i> (ss)(Currie 2008122): West Java. A shrub to 1m. The leaves appear in tight pseudowhorls. Delightful cream-pale yellow bell shaped flowers.	\$25.00
8P	<i>R. archboldianum</i> (ss): PNG: Round shaped shrub 1.5 m with bright pink tubular-curved, fragrant flowers. Main flowering once a year and the odd flowers appearing though the year. A clone we call 'Starburst'.	\$25.00
9P	<i>R. blackii</i> (ss): unknown accession PNG. Oval, dark green leaves with trusses of up to 9 velvet red, tubular-funnel shaped flowers. Collected in PNG by Graham Smith. Main flowering is spring. Up to 3m.	\$25.00
10P	<i>R. hyacinthosmum</i> (ss): PNG: Pale pink large flower with a deeper pink edge and a lovely scent. Rounded shrub to 1.5m	\$25.00
11P	<i>R. jasminiflorum</i> (ss)(Currie 200812): A strong growing, somewhat sprawling plant with green/grey leaves. The long tubular, white flowers are blushed with pink and sweetly scented. Main flowering is spring.	\$25.00
12P	<i>R. renschianum</i> (ss)(Currie 2007107): Indonesia. Handsome bi-coloured flowers (mostly yellow flushed orange) on a small shrub.	\$25.00

Rhododendrons - Hybrids

13T	<i>R. 'Black Magic'</i> : Very free flowering, with unusual black red flowers in rounded trusses. Compact well branched plant. 1.5m	\$20.00
14T	<i>R. 'Britalier'</i> (ss): Fairly dense and symmetrical broad plant. Rich red in good rounded trusses.1.5m	\$20.00
15T	<i>R. 'Butterhorn'</i> : An American Maddenia hybrid with an upright habit, bronze new growth and fine bright yellow trumpet shaped flowers in late spring. 1.8m. November - December.	\$20.00
16T	<i>R. 'Coconut Ice'</i> (<i>yakushmanum</i> x <i>aberconwayi</i>): A Pukeiti hybrid which grows into a compact shrub with dark green foliage. Flowers held in tight trusses starting as pink buds and opening to white blooms with rose edges. A very attractive effect. 1m Mid-season.	\$20.00
17T	<i>R. 'Countess of Haddington'</i> : Loose trusses of 3-5 flowers are pink and cream and have a wonderful fragrance. Compact rounded plant grows to 1.2m. early-mid season flowering.	\$20.00
18T	<i>R. 'David'</i> (ss): Upright growing plant with deep green leaves. Conical trusses of deep red show off the contrasting white stamens. Mid season.	\$20.00
19T	<i>R. 'Floral Gift'</i> : Mark Jury hybrid which grows into a compact shrub, especially if pruned after flowering. With all parents heavily perfumed it is unsurprising that Floral Gift is also heavily perfumed. Flowers of heavy texture in creamy white, flushed pink with a green to yellow throat. 1.8m	\$20.00
20T	<i>R. 'Frosted Ice'</i> : Like <i>R. 'Coconut Ice'</i> this is another (<i>yakushmanum</i> x <i>aberconwayi</i>) hybrid bred at Pukeiti by Graham Smith. It also has a nice compact habit but the flowers are pure white. Attractive, dark green foliage. 1m Mid-season.	\$20.00

21T	<i>R. 'Lemon Lodge'</i> : A Pukeiti hybrid with huge, primrose-yellow flowers on a compact plant. Very free flowering and a highly sought after plant. 1.5m. Oct flowering.	\$20.00
22T	<i>R. 'Morning Magic'</i> (<i>yakushmanum</i> x 'Springbok'): Neat compact shrub, ideal in a open site. Iridescent white flowers, flushed pale pink with pronounced ochre spotting.	\$20.00
23T	<i>R. 'Opal Dawn'</i> (ss): (<i>davidsonianum</i> 'Exbury Pink' X 'Countess of Haddington'): Compact NZ shrub to 1.5m x 2m. Flowers: 4-5 open funnels per umbel, rose opal in bud opening cream with pink flush, fading to white with greenish yellow dorsal flare. Scented.	\$20.00
24P	<i>R. 'Peggy'</i> (ss), ('Ilam yellow' x 'Ilam Canary'): Bred by Dr Yeates at Massey University and acquired by Pukeiti in the 1960s. Small bright yellow flowers with a red blotch on a compact plant.	\$20.00
25T	<i>R. 'Pink Cushion'</i> (<i>yakushmanum</i> F.C.C. x 'Mayday'): This wonderful NZ yak hybrid has excellent foliage and a compact rounded plant. Flowers are in tight rounded trusses of soft pink that hold their color well. 1.3m	\$20.00
26T	<i>R. 'Rubicon'</i> : Brilliant deep red blooms form a good rounded truss. Compact and slow growing with outstanding textured foliage. One of the best reds and tolerates warmer weather better than many rhododendrons though thrips prone. 1.5m. Mid-season.	\$20.00
27T	<i>R. 'Tanyosho'</i> : Compact well rounded plant with pink buds opening to white bell shaped flowers. 1m	\$20.00
28T	<i>R. 'Vesuvius'</i> : Flowers are bright vermillion red in well shaped trusses of 12-15 flowers. The compact plant is late flowering very much like its parent <i>R. griersonianum</i>	\$20.00
29T	<i>R. 'Vulcans Flame'</i> : Bright red flowers on a vigorous compact plant. Trusses of 12-15 flowers. Said to be good in hot climate. 1.8m. Mid-late.	\$20.00

Vireya Rhododendron - Hybrids

30P	<i>R. arenicola</i> x (ss): Natural Hybrid from Indonesia. Small bronze /green leaves small leaves slender plant up to 1.5m. Salmon pink tube flowers.	\$25.00
31P	<i>R. 'Beverly McConnell'</i> (ss): A Graham Smith bred Pukeiti hybrid (<i>konori</i> x 'Simbu Sunset') named at the 50th Jubilee. Scented peachy yellow flowers which generally appear 3 times per year.	\$25.00
32P	<i>R. 'Gardenia Odyssey'</i> (ss): A natural hybrid of unknown parentage. Tall upright plant with large green/yellow buds opening to large pale orange yellow with a hint of pink scented flowers.	\$25.00
33P	<i>R. 'Haloed Gold'</i> (ss)(<i>christianae</i> x 'Tropic Glow'): Up-right growing vireya up to 2m , flowers throughout the year bright yellow flowers edged with a thin red line. Easy to grow garden plant.	\$25.00
34P	<i>R. 'Rangitoto Rose'</i> (ss) ('Dr Sleumer' x <i>leucogigas</i>): Bred by Dr Brian Oldham. The soft rose pink flowers are sweetly scented. Shrub to 1m.	\$25.00
35P	<i>R. superbum</i> X (ss)(Currie 2008179): A natural hybrid. The shrub, grows to 1.5m has handsome foliage and the white flowers are exquisitely scented.	\$25.00
36P	<i>R. 'Super Duper'</i> (ss): (<i>Laetum</i> x unknown) A yellow hybrid to 2m.	\$25.00
37P	<i>R. 'Tropical Spice'</i> (ss): An unknown hybrid from the collection of Eddie Lyons.	\$25.00

ODDS and SODS

38 P	<i>Camellia microphylla</i> (ss): (2.5L pot) small tightly packed dark green leaves on an upright shrub. Delightfully scented star shaped white flowers adorn.	\$20.00
39P	<i>Pherosphaera fitzgeraldii</i> (ss): (13cm pot) Blue Mountain Pine. Listed as critically endangered with its natural distribution range limited to the Blue Mountains in NSW, this rarely offered semi prostrate conifer grows to 60cm x 1m in ten years. It has loosely overlapping small olive green leaves.	\$25.00

Perennials

40P	<i>Aster sp.</i>	\$7.00
41P	'Coreopsis verticillata': A bushy plant up to 60cm. Flowers 4-6cm across and bright yellow. Plant in well drained soil in sun or partial shade.	\$7.00
42P	<i>Disporum uniflorum</i> . syn. <i>D. flavens</i> : Choice woodland plant, native to W China, especially Yunnan near Lijiang. Soft yellow pendant blooms at tips of evergreen stems in spring.	\$10.00

43P	<i>Hosta sielboldiana</i> 'Big Daddy': Striking large, corrugated grey-blue leaves show off well the spikes of greyish-white bell-shaped flowers that appear in mid-summer. Grows in half shade/shade. Height 65-70cm	\$7.00
44P	<i>Lysimachia clethroides</i> : Plant with upright flowering stems to 100cm. The terminal raceme is attractively nodding when the white flowers are in bud and becomes more upright as the flowers open. Spreads by creeping rhizomes to form a large clump, particularly in damp conditions.	\$10.00
45P	<i>Penstemon</i> 'Sour Grapes': The purple foxglove-like flowers have a white throat streaked with fine purplish-red lines. A very attractive plant that belies its name! Will thrive in full sun to partial shade. Height 60cm, spread 45cm.	\$7.00

BULBS

This year we have been very lucky to be put in touch with Ted and Noeline Roberts who used to own a cut flower and bulb business in Taranaki. Now in their retirement they have many lovely and some hard to come by bulbs they have offered to sell to our members. Pot size is given where known and prices are per pot.

46R	<i>Agave coetocapnia</i> : previously known as <i>Polianthes geminiflora</i> syn. <i>Bravoa geminiflora</i> : 5 inch pots. Fine spikes of paired, red/orange tubular pendant flowers. 30-40cm	\$10.00
47R	<i>Amarine tubergenii</i> 'Zwanenburg' (nerine x amaryllis): 3 inch pots. Spectacular, trumpet-shaped, dusky pink flowers. Needs short dry dormancy in summer to flower. Autumn flowering. 50-60cm tall. Growing conditions: Warm, sunny, well-drained spot.	\$7.50
48R	<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i> : Tall pink/rosea bloom summer/autumn.	\$7.50
49R	<i>Arum palaestinum</i> : 4 inch pots. Herbaceous perennial up to 10cm tall. The polished dark green arrowhead leaves emerge in autumn and remain over winter. In spring the dark maroon spathe emerges. This species does not have the unpleasant smell of the other maroon arum, <i>A. dracunculus</i> .	\$10.00
50R	<i>Bletilla striata</i> : 4 inch pots. Unusual magenta coloured, ground orchid, easy in woodland conditions.	\$9.00
51P	Daffodil sp: A small daffodil with a white outer whirl of petals and a bright yellow trumpet.	\$7.50
52R	<i>Galtonia candicans</i> : 4 inch pots. Graceful, 60-80cm tall spikes of up to 30 pendulous white blooms.	\$7.50
53R	<i>Habranthus andersonii</i> : 3 inch pots. Coppery orange cup-shaped flowers are held at the tips of the stems. Look lovely when planted in dense clumps.	\$5.00
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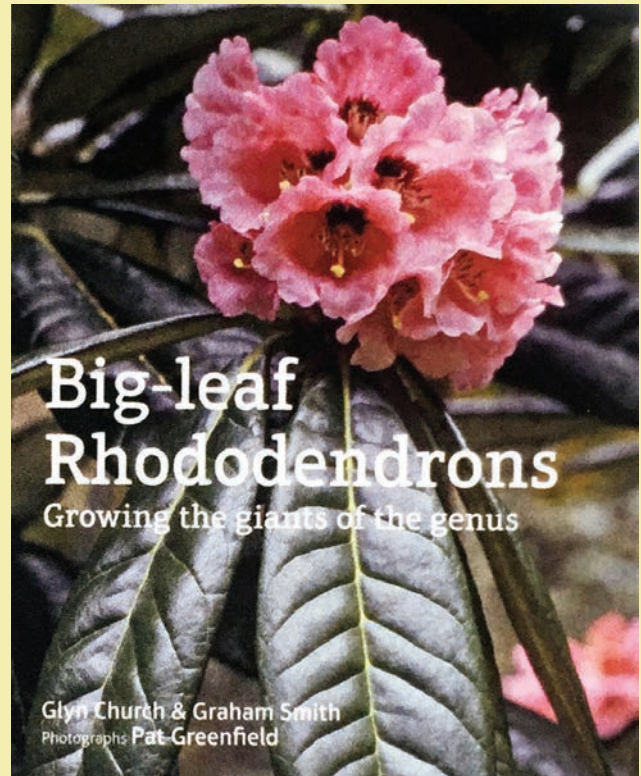
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