



# Pukeiti NEWSLETTER

Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust Inc.

PLANT LIST AND ORDER FORM  
VOLUNTEERING IN THE GARDEN & OTHER MEMBER ACTIVITIES  
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## What's new at Pukeiti

The motif at the entrance path to Pukeiti designed by Rangi Bailey and Wharehoka Smith. Using a Maori design it represents a native bat, recently discovered at Pukeiti.



The Weka Wetland established at the site of the old ponds which are now connected by a culvert and bridge railing. The planting features divaricating native shrubs.



Artist Reuben Paterson's The Golden Bearing on The Founders' Lawn. This well-loved, shimmering golden sculpture is on loan from Govett-Brewster Art Gallery.



The Keiller Garden in all its summer glory



R. 'Ina Hair'. One of four of Susan Worthington's rhododendron paintings hanging in The Douglas Cook Room



# Pukeiti's Magnificent Lawn being renewed

with quotations and photos from Pat Greenfield's book 'Pukeiti'



The Lodge and Nursery area (later the lawn) with Les Boisen and Jack Goodwin 1955



Reshaping the Lawn as viewed from the Rain Forest Centre.

Like many of us I have watched with amazement the transformation of the lawn. I keep reminding myself of that saying 'Fools and children .....', however it has set me wondering how in a garden of rhododendrons and native forest such a magnificent expanse of lawn came about.

Initially the clearing was Pukeiti's stock bed, as seen in some wonderful photographs.

The idea of a lawn arose in 1957, from John Goodwin's 'desire for spaciousness, but wresting a svelte lawn from what was originally a swamp was never going to be easy.

Des Corbett well remembers the day he and others assisted Rob Bayly in the seed sowing.

Field tiles, with a finger gap between them, were put in. Manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) was placed over the top as a kind of brush, then dirt covered everything up. Finally the seed was sown. The lawn looked really beautiful. We went up onto the veranda to have a few beers when it started to rain.

We said, "Hooray, here comes the rain. The grass will come up." About two hours and five inches of rain later, we could see the brush at the bottom of the lawn.'

A second attempt to sow the lawn also failed but finally with the aid of a Farmall Cub tractor, discs and a blade and much raking, there was success.

John Goodwin confided that once laid there was a struggle to keep the lawn, as people wanted to put beds of azaleas in this "nice open space". (page 30)

For many years the lawn was mown using a Gravely Reel mower with extensions and a willing worker walking behind. The resulting turf was a source of pride. Then ride-on rotary mowers were acquired and the gardeners' time and legs appreciated the change.

Many activities have featured on the lawn including family picnics, children's games,

weddings, musical performances, garden festival activities, and once or twice a helicopter landing.

The lawn has been and continues to be a huge success. John Goodwin's foresight has been well rewarded. Spaciousness. Thank you John.

*Rene Duncan*



The New Plymouth Pipe Band playing on the lawn during the 1995 Rhododendron Festival

# From the Members' Committee,

Welcome to 2019. As usual, this newsletter includes details of members' events organised for the first half of the year, the Members' Plant List and the 2019 Calendar of Events for Pukeiti Members.

We hope you will enjoy participating in the members' activities we have organised and the exciting thing is that for the first time in four years they are all (apart from the odd off-site activity) being held in our wonderful new Lodge.

## REVIVE THE MEMORIES DAY

**Wednesday March 6:** We were last able to hold this in 2015 and it is the first scheduled event to be held after you receive this Newsletter. This day is centered around our older members who, in the past, helped establish the garden or who volunteered in other ways to ensure the success of the Trust and who now, for one reason or another, find it difficult to visit Pukeiti.

If you've been a volunteer in the past and would like to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday 27 February to Diane, so we know how many to cater for.

Email: [jordy@primowireless.co.nz](mailto:jordy@primowireless.co.nz) or phone: (06) 752 2800

If you are also able to help with transporting less mobile members to and from Pukeiti, please let Diane know when you RSVP, and if we need your assistance with this, one of us will get back to you.

## WORKING BEES

The gardeners still appreciate any help we can give them but recently working bees have not resulted in many more members attending than would normally on a Wednesday and hence this year we have discontinued timetabling working bees into the calendar. If you are able, on any Wednesday, to help in the garden then just turn up and work with the regular band of Wednesday volunteers. Volunteering starts at 9:00am from the Staff Quarters but late-comers are always welcome and you just finish at any time that suits you.



Graham Smith addresses members at the dedication of The Lodge - Members' Day October 2018



Christmas Barbeque: 45 members were welcomed by Heather Robson. The chatter and laughter reflected the longstanding enthusiasm for Pukeiti and the enduring friendships it brings.

## PLANT SALE ORDERS CLOSE

**Thursday, March 21:** Plant Sale orders close and we will try to dispatch the out of town orders during the following week. You are again advised to get your orders in quickly to maximise your chances of getting the plants you order.

This 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.

## PLANT COLLECTION

**Friday, March 29:** Plant collection day for those picking up their plants. Plants will be available for picking up from 12A Tamati Place, Merrilands, New Plymouth between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm. If this does not suit you, alternative arrangements can be made by ringing Heather on (06) 757 2460 or e-mailing [cattrobson@gmail.com](mailto: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 they can be transported up there.

## AUTUMN MEMBERS' DAY

**Saturday March 30** is our Autumn Members' Day. Venue: The Douglas Cook Room, Pukeiti Lodge.

A cup of tea or coffee will be available in the Rata Room 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 there will likely be one or two very special rhododendrons that have become available since the plant list was printed.

Alan Jellyman will be offering a guided walk at 11:00am or you may wish to catch a ride with Craig or just independently wander around the gardens.

At approximately 12:00 (after the Board Meeting) the Members' Pot Luck Lunch will be served in the Douglas Cook Room.

After lunch, over coffee, Andrew Brooker will entertain us with tales of his 30 years at Pukeiti.

Please mark these dates on your calendar

# Members' Activities

# 2019

## 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.*

**THURSDAY, MARCH, 21**  
**Plant Sale Orders Close**

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH**  
**Plant Sales and Pickup**  
12A Tamati Place, Merrilands, New Plymouth  
9:00am – 5:00pm.  
Or Saturday, 30 March at Pukeiti – if this box was ticked on your order form/

## Propagation Workshop

Wednesday, July 25

## Members' Committee Meetings

Monday, May 06 - The Lodge  
Monday, September 02 - The Lodge  
Tuesday, November 20 - The Lodge



**Bookings for The Lodge facilities and Studio can be made on the TRC website**

[www.trc.govt.nz/gardens/venue-hire-and-tours/pukeiti-studio-accommodation/](http://www.trc.govt.nz/gardens/venue-hire-and-tours/pukeiti-studio-accommodation/)

## Board Meetings

Saturday March 30 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge  
Saturday June 22 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge  
Saturday October 12 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge

## ACTIVITIES

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**  
**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 22**  
**Mid-winter Lunch**

Please book by Wednesday, June 19  
Details in May Newsletter.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**Garden Visits**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
**Spring Members' Day & AGM**

Details later in the year

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 29 –**  
**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 01**  
**Rhododendron Conference, Rotorua**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 01 –**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**  
**2019 Taranaki Rhododendron Festival**

Volunteers needed for Hosting in the Lodge and membership recruitment.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**End of Year BBQ**

RSVP Thursday, December 12



**Pukeiti**

Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust Inc.



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# Collecting at Heritage Park and its importance in the National Strategy

Heritage Park, the home garden of the New Zealand Rhododendron Association in the heart of the Rangitikei, has a unique microclimate for the growing of rhododendrons – as clearly demonstrated by the plants growing there.

On February 4 this year I collected cuttings in my new role as Rhododendron Collections Officer for the Taranaki Regional Council. My brief is to grow the Pukeiti collection, both physically with the number of individual taxa and their variants, and intellectually with quality information about the plants and profile. I also work with others around New Zealand to implement the National Strategy for Rhododendrons, with the aim of disseminating plants to other collections to guarantee survival of endangered taxa rather than take the proverbial eggs-in-one-basket approach.

At Heritage Park Lindsay Davies kindly assisted me in the collection of cuttings from 19 different taxa. These cuttings, plus the accompanying data, have started their journey into the Pukeiti Collection. But it doesn't stop there. A key benefit to Heritage Park is the potential return of young propagules to boost and back up the Park's own collection as well as the chance to share plants further afield.

As a parting gift to Heritage Park, I left in Lindsay's care a young plant, *Zenobia pulverulenta*, to add a bit more ericaceae flavour to the plantings. This is a North American member of the rhododendron family and it can be semi-evergreen to deciduous, depending on climate. It has showy white, bell-shaped flowers, very similar to those of *Pieris* in the spring/summer. These are followed in the autumn with an attractive reddish- purple leaf colouring, creating a display that should suit the park well.

As the National Strategy work continues, good relationships between all of the rhododendron collection gardens is vital to the success of New Zealand's efforts to contribute to the conservation of the genus. I look forward to continuing the relationship with both Heritage Park and its members/ gardeners into the future.

*Andrew Brooker*  
Rhododendron Collections and Projects Officer



Professor Guan and his wife Gelan, official guests at the dedication of the Lodge. Prof. Guan is a long time supporter of Pukeiti

## News Flash

- We congratulate Andrew on his new position. Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust is contributing to his salary as part of the ex-situ conservation program.
- The position of Head Gardener at Pukeiti is presently being advertised.
- Graham Smith began his association with Pukeiti 50 years ago this year. Andrew Brooker marks his 30th year.
- Art continues to be part of the garden attraction. Karam Meuli is the present Artist in Residence creating stone sculptures.
- The cycle way project linking Pukeiti with the Coast at Oakura has begun.
- The gate at the Cook Block entrance was vandalised, removed and replaced with a substantial timber structure.
- Last year more than 83,000 visited the garden.

## Access to The Lodge:

We are well on our way to finding a permanent solution to make access to the Members' areas of The Lodge easily available whenever the garden is open, but in the meantime just a reminder that members can borrow a key to these rooms by ringing Heather on **(06) 757 2460** and organising to pick up a key that will get you into the Kitchen (and, via this room, The Douglas Cook Room); the Members' Lounge and the Library. If there is no answer at Heather's, the back up is to ring Bev and George Moratti on **(06) 751 4406** and organise to pick up a key from them.

## The Lodge and Studio Accommodation

Many of you have now seen the wonderful self contained studio that is attached to the Lodge. As a member, you can stay in this accommodation for just \$50 a night. The Douglas Cook Room can also be booked for private Functions

For booking:

1. Log onto [www.trc.govt.nz](http://www.trc.govt.nz)  
Click on 'Gardens'  
Click on 'Venues' (bottom right of the page)  
Scroll down until you see on the screen 'Pukeiti Studio Accommodation' and click on the photo of the studio  
Click on the 'Book Online' box and follow prompts
2. If you don't have a computer ring Zoe Harris, the TRC Events Manager. Her number is 027 660 5523 and she will make the booking for you.
3. You can also contact Zoe by ringing the TRC on **(06) 765 7172** and asking to be put through to Zoe Harris.

## Care of Wood from *R. protistum* 'Pukeiti'

Peter Fryer says that it is important to remember that this is wood and it will move. It needs regular oil or waxes to keep it looking good.

All treatment Peter has given it has been food safe and if you want to use your wood for food ensure that any further treatment you give it is with food-safe products. To clean it afterwards generally a wipe with a clean, damp cloth will be all it needs.



# Members' Plant List

This year again we have a good selection of rhododendrons from Tawa Glenn Nursery and we also have a selection of plants that have been propagated for the TRC Gardens and are surplus to their needs. Many of these plants are very special, often rare in the wild and seldom offered in retail outlets. There are generally only 2 – 5 of each of the Pukeiti plants available. If the description 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 mail. This can advantage New Plymouth members so, to make it fairer for everyone, we accept e-mailed order forms. Just scan your completed order form and e-mail it to [cattrobson@gmail.com](mailto:cattrobson@gmail.com) and then post your cheque and order form. I will then reserve and put aside your plants. If your cheque has not been received by 21 March, your plants may be reallocated.

I continue to keep a record of those plants where demand exceeds supply, and if they are not readily available from garden centres, I'll try to get more of these propagated the following year. That way, if you miss out on your wanted plant this year, there will hopefully be another opportunity to purchase it in 2 -3 years time.

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

- P = Pukeiti;
- T = Tawa Glen Nursery;
- O = Members' Garden surplus.

All plants from Tawa Glen are in 2.5L pots. The Pukeiti sourced plants are in pots varying from 2.5L for all vireya rhododendrons to 10cm pots for some perennials and the size is specified with the plant description.

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 29 March or by alternative arrangements made with Heather Robson. If this isn't possible you will be able to collect your plant orders from Pukeiti on Saturday 30 March. To enable this, please tick the appropriate box on the order form so 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 very localised 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		Plants		Plants	
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<b>Short Haul (Taranaki)</b>	1-5	\$11.00	6-10.	\$22.00	10-15.	\$30.00
<b>Rest of N.I.</b>	1-5	\$19.00	6-10	\$38.00	10-15.	\$55.00
<b>Mainland S.I.</b>	1-5	\$30.00	6-10	\$60.00	11-15.	\$80.00
<b>Additional Rural Delivery Charge</b>	1-5	\$6.00	6-10	\$12.00	11-15.	\$18.00

Please note that if you are ordering plants in 4L pots, postage will be more than shown in the chart above because two of these plants will cost the same as four or five smaller ones. Please allow for ample postage when writing your limited cheque.

**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.)*

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. *Helenium bigelovii* 'Walstrand'



R. 'Floral Gift'



R. *archboldianum*

## Rhododendrons - Species

1T	<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
2T	<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. (ss)	\$20.00
3P	<i>R. suoilenhense</i> : (pronounced swoe-lin-ense) open pollinated at Pukeiti from the best plant. A very special offering. It has been a long time since we have had any large-leafed rhododendrons on our list. 15m (ss)	\$20.00

## Rhododendrons - Hybrids

4T	<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
5T	<i>R. 'Bell Heller'</i> : Medium-large globular trusses of white flowers with a prominent gold blotch on the upper lobe. October flowering. 1.5-2m	\$20.00
6T	<i>R. 'Coconut Ice'</i> : ( <i>yakushmanum x 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
7T	<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
8T	<i>R. 'David'</i> : Upright growing plant with deep green leaves. Conical trusses of deep red show off the contrasting white stamens. Early-mid season (ss)	\$20.00
9T	<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 not surprising 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
10T	<i>R. 'Frosted Ice'</i> : Like <i>R. 'Coconut Ice'</i> this is another <i>Yakushmanum x 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
11T	<i>R. 'Lemon Lodge'</i> : A New Zealand 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
12T	<i>R. 'Morning Magic'</i> - <i>yakushmanum</i> x 'Springbok': Neat compact shrub, ideal in an open site. Iridescent white flowers, flushed pale pink with pronounced ochre spotting.	\$20.00
13T	<i>R. 'Opal Dawn'</i> : Buds of rose opal flushed cream, open to camellia rose, fading white with a pink flush and yellowish flare. Fragrant. 80cm	\$20.00
14T	<i>R. 'Pink Cushion'</i> - <i>yakushmanum</i> F.C.C. x 'Mayday': This wonderful yak hybrid has excellent foliage and a compact rounded plant. Flowers are in tight rounded trusses of soft pink that hold their colour well. 1.3m	\$20.00
15T	<i>R. 'Summer Cloud'</i> : A compact well shaped plant with good sized trusses of white with a small green flare from the throat. Good foliage. Mid-late season. 1.5m	\$20.00
16T	<i>R. 'Tanyosho'</i> : Compact well rounded plant with pink buds opening to white bell shaped flowers. 1m	\$20.00
17T	<i>R. 'Vesuvius'</i> : Flowers are bright vermilion red in well-shaped trusses of 12-15 flowers. The compact plant is late flowering very much like <i>griersonianum</i> (ss)	\$20.00

## Vireya Rhododendron – Species

18P	<i>R. archboldianum</i> : We are pleased to have more of this plant available so those who missed out last year have a second chance to purchase one. This rhododendron, which is currently red-listed, is both a wonderful garden plant and of interest to collectors. The bright pink, curved flowers are trumpet shaped, and held in umbels of up to 15 flowers. They burst outwards from the centre of the truss and Graham Smith named Pukeiti's specimen 'Starburst'. One main flowering in late summer and sporadically through the year. Well rounded shrub. 1.5m	\$20.00
19P	<i>R. arenicola</i> : Small bronze/green leaves on a slender plant. Salmon pink tubular flowers. (ss) 1.5m	\$20.00
20P	<i>R. hyacinthosmum</i> : A well rounded plant with large, pale pink flowers that have a deeper pink edge. 1.5m (ss)	\$20.00
21P	<i>R. rugosum</i> : (thin leaves) Attractive foliage with wrinkled, deeply veined narrow leaves. Flowers are bright pink. Up to 2m in the garden. (ss)	\$20.00

- 22P *R. rarilepidotum*: A rounded shrub with shiny green leaves and bright, burnt orange flowers appearing throughout the year. 1.5m (ss) \$20.00
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- 23P *R. jasminiflorum* spp. *jasminiflorum*: A strong growing, somewhat sprawling plant with reddish stems and green/grey leaves. The white flowers are blushed with pink and highly scented. Main flowering is spring. (ss) \$20.00
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## Vireya Rhododendron - Hybrids

- 24P *R. 'Gardenia Odyssey'*: Tall upright plant with large green/yellow buds opening to a large, pale orange flower with a hint of pink. Scented (ss) \$20.00
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- 25P *R. 'Haloed Gold' – R. christiana*e x *R. 'Tropic Glow'*: Upright growing plant that flowers throughout the year. The bright yellow flowers are attractively edged with a thin red line. An attractive and easy to grow garden plant. 2m (ss) \$20.00
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## Shrubs

- 26P *Agapetes buxifolia*: A very special offering because of its rarity. This, up to 1.5m epiphytic shrub grows in damp forests in N.E. India. It is characteristic of all *Agapetes* but compared to the more common *A. serpens* its leaves are larger, (up to 2.5-3 x 1.5cm) and a brighter, more shiny green. The tubular flowers are a uniform bright red. The five fused petals form a bulbous tube then separate at the tips and flare attractively around the emergent stigma. White fruit follow the flowers. 10cm pot (ss) \$15.00
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- 27P *Agapetes hosseana*: An attractive cousin of the blueberry, this rare offering grows epiphytically from S Myanmar to Laos. Similar in habit to *A. buxifolia* this is described as a small evergreen shrub with dark red tubular flowers that can tolerate light frost. The globular, red-speckled fruit are as attractive a feature as the flower. 10cm pot (ss) \$15.00
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- 28P *Gaultheria pyrolloides*: Japanese Wintergreen. An easily grown, evergreen plant, it succeeds in most situations but prefers a moist, acidic, humus rich soil in shade or semi-shade where it can be used as a ground cover. The white, scented flowers are flushed pink and the blue-black fleshy fruit that follow are edible. 13cm pot. 25m \$15.00
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## Perennials

- 29O *Arisaema tortuosum*: The tallest and one of the most cold-hardy of the arisaemas, the 1m+ tall stalk emerges in early summer, putting up two large, tropical palmate leaves spreading wide. As the leaves unfurl, the pitcher-shaped green spathe atop the lengthening stem opens to reveal a long whip-like spadix or 'tongue' in green, or sometimes shaded purple, extending another 30 or more centimetres above. In autumn, bright red berries take the place of this long lasting bloom. A wonderful plant for the woodland garden and it's the closest you'll get in New Zealand to having a snake in your garden. \$10.00
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- 30O *Astilbe X arendsii 'Wiesse Gloria'*: A medium height (50 -90cm) astilbe cultivar with pure mid-green foliage. In summer, very white flower plumes on whitish-green stems rise above the foliage. These plumes are so soft in texture and colour that the effect when planted en masse is like a feathery cloud. This astilbe will pair with virtually anything in the garden. Will tolerate full sun provided it is kept moist. \$7.00
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- 31O *Disporopsis pernyi*: [sold at the Auckland Garden Show as 'evergreen Solomon's Seal']. An evergreen, rhizomatous perennial forming dense patches in full or partial shade. The lance shaped glossy dark green leaves grow to 20cm tall. The white, reflexed flowers, normally produced in pairs in early summer, are about 2cm long and lemon scented. This plant makes a terrific tall groundcover for deep shade. \$7.00
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- 32P *Podophyllum 'Spotty Dotty'*: The large, lobed umbrella-like leaves are chartreuse with dramatic chocolate-brown spotting when new, with the green darkening and the spots fading as summer progresses. In spring, clusters of five or more large, garnet-coloured flowers hide themselves under the leaves. Plant it in a tall pot, or on a bank above a walkway so it's easier to see this amazing flower, but this plant is worth putting in the moist shade garden for its vegetative features alone. 1L pot \$10.00
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- 33P *Helenium bigelovii 'Walstrand'*: Its common name is 'Sneezewood', not because it causes allergies but because it was originally used for snuff. In the sunflower family it grows into a rosette of small green leaves and in summer a 75cm – 1m tall stem will produce golden daisy-like blossoms. The flowers are bright rusty-yellow at first turning a more reddish-brown as they age. One plant can produce as many as 20 flower heads, either one per branch or in branching arrays. Plant in full sun to light shade with regular water. 1.5L pot \$7.00
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- 34P *Myosotidium hortensia*: Chatham Island Forget-me-not. This plant really needs no description for New Zealanders. With its large deep green, ribbed leaves and a profusion of deep blue flowers in early spring it is a stunner in any shady situation with moist soil and good drainage. Mulch in spring, water regularly during hot periods and feed regularly with liquid seaweed. 13cm pot \$10.00
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