

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH FLORILEGIUM: List of Plants

Notes

Plants chosen for their association with RBGE, by name or its staff; their particular value in a glasshouse; their scientific value; or horticultural value. Some subjects are in commercial cultivation and can be obtained from nurseries.

Aeschynanthus (Gesneriaceae) is a National Collection at RBGE. Members of the Zingiberaceae are subjects of ongoing scientific research at RBGE.

It is possible many subjects can be found in other botanic gardens in other parts of the world.

If painting in areas where the subject is distributed in the wild, it is strongly encouraged that you consult with your local botany authorities first.

Artists wishing to take on any on the list are asked to let the Artist Coordinator know Sarah Howard -Florilegium@rbge.org.uk She will direct you to a member of RBGE staff, who will be happy to help you with specimens, descriptions etc. Facilities are being made available at RBGE for artists painting their subject in UK.

Species	Family	Distribution	Comment
<i>Aeschynanthus burtii</i> Mendum	Gesneriaceae	Sulawesi	Collection and naming reflects 3 generations RBGE staff
<i>Aeschynanthus mendumiae</i> D.J. Middleton	Gesneriaceae	South Asia	Named after former RBGE Botanist and Botanical artist Dr.Mary Mendum
<i>Aeschylanthus citrinus</i> Mendum&S.Scott	Gesneriaceae	Sulawesi	Unusual yellow flower. Only cultivated at RBGE
<i>Agathis australis</i>	Araucariaceae	New Zealand	In Temperate Lands glasshouse RBGE
<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiae</i>	Aracaceae	Australia	In Temperate Palm House, RBGE
<i>Argyranthemum</i> 'Logan Pompom'	Compositae		Logan Botanic Garden??
<i>Beaucarnea recurvate</i>	Asparagaceae	Eastern Mexico	In RBGE Arid House. 'Ponytail Palm'
<i>Begonia mendumae</i> M.Hughes	Begoniaceae	Sulawesi	Named after former RBGE Botanist and Botanical artist Dr.Mary Mendum
<i>Begonia stevei</i> M.Hughes	Begoniaceae	Sulawesi	Named After Steve Scott former RBGE Horticulturist??
<i>Betula utilis</i> D.Don var. <i>jacquemontii</i> (Spach) Winkl. 'Inverleith'	Betulaceae		Original plant grown on Inverleith site, but has since died. We have 2 young trees and there's a Mature tree at Benmore
<i>Billolivia moelleri</i>	Gesneriaceae	Vietnam	Named for Bill Burt, Olive Hilliard, Michael Moeller
<i>Brownea grandiceps</i>	Fabaceae	South America	Plants & People House, RBGE. 'Rose of Venezuela'

<i>Burbridgea schizocheila</i>	Zingiberaceae	Sabah, Borneo	August flowering RBGE, Genus Named after a former botanist at the Garden Brinsley Burbridge
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Edinburgh'	Rhamnaceae		Originated in the Edinburgh Botanic Garden around 1934 among seedlings of <i>C. austromontanus</i> and was distributed under that name. It is clearly a hybrid, with <i>C. griseus</i> (<i>C. thyrsiflorus</i> var. <i>griseus</i>) as one parent (E. Kemp in Gard. Chron., 24th June 1961). Also known as "Edinensis".
<i>Clematis</i> 'Bill Mackenzie'			Growing on Alpine house Wall - Named after a Former Student aged 24 he became a student at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden. The Twenties and Thirties were heady times to be gardening there, for George Forrest was bringing back seed of new rhododendrons and primulas from his journeys in Yunnan, in China; Frank Kingdon Ward was sending seed of <i>meconopsis</i> , gentians and lilies from his plant-hunting trips in China, Burma and Tibet. It was MacKenzie's job, as deputy foreman in the propagation department, to raise all these new plants from the plant hunters' seed. The first plants ever seen in cultivation at the botanic garden of the famous blue Himalayan poppy, <i>Meconopsis betonicifolia</i>) were coaxed into flower by MacKenzie's patient care. later curator of Chelsea Physic Garden.
<i>Chayamaritia smitinandii</i> (B.L.Burtt) D.J.Middleton	Gesneriaceae	Thailand and ?Laos	New genus
<i>Cupressus cashmeriana</i>	Cupressaceae	Eastern Himalaya, India	National tree Bhutan. Widely grown in cultivation, Temperate Lands Glasshouse, RBGE With milder winters we now can grow this species outside in the garden
<i>Curcuma colorata</i>	Zingiberaceae	Vietnam	Spring flowering, RBGE
<i>Cycas circinalis</i>	Cycadaceae	South India	Orchid & Cycad House, RBGE

<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	Cycadaceae	Indonesia, New Guinea, Christmas Is	Orchid & Cycad House, RBGE
<i>Cyrtandra</i> sp.nov.(candy stripe)	Gesneriaceae	Papua endemic	Unusual pink and white stripe flowers. Successful horticulture keeps sp. alive at RBGE
<i>Cyrtandra serratifolia</i> H.J.Atkins	Gesneriaceae	Sulawesi endemic	Only cultivated at RBGE. Subject of research on biogeography and forest health
<i>Dendrobium</i> Inverleith grex	Orchidaceae		Edin.Bot.Gdn. 1931 - registered (RHS) Dendrobium Cassiope × Dendrobium regium
<i>Dierama</i> 'Logan Ballerina'	Iridaceae		
<i>Escallonia</i> 'Edinburgh'	Escalloniaceae		??? Not sure this exists
<i>Escallonia</i> × <i>exoniensis</i> 'Balfourii'	Escalloniaceae		Raised by Sir Isaac Bailey Balfour at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden by crossing 'a particularly fine form of <i>E. rubra</i> ' with <i>E. rosea</i> . It is a graceful evergreen 10 ft or more high, with drooping twigs, the flowers blush-tinted white, resembling those of <i>E. rosea</i> in their columnar shape and the short limb of each petal.
<i>Etilingera maingayi</i>	Zingiberaceae	Malaysian Peninsular	Malay Rose, first named by Dr. Rosemary Margaret Smith – was RBGE's Ginger expert in the 1980's has since passed away
<i>Etilingera orbiculata</i>	Zingiberaceae	endemic to North Sulawesi	
<i>Etilingera polycarpa</i>	Zingiberaceae	Sulawesi	
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L. 'Dawyck'	Fagaceae		The original tree of this well-known fastigate variety grows in the garden of Lt-Col. A. Balfour at Dawyck, Peeblesshire, and now measures 82 × 8 ft (1966). It is believed to have originated in the woods there and to have been moved to its present position by the house around the middle of the last century, at which time the property belonged to the Nasmyth family. The tree first came to notice early this century when F. R. S. Balfour, the new owner of Dawyck, distributed scions to Kew and other gardens, around 1907. Scions were also given to Herr Hesse, of Weener,

			Hanover, W. J. Bean first described it in Gard. Chron., 1907 i, p. 149). Incidentally, Dr Hesse named it 'Dawyckii', but this is unacceptable and the cultivar name 'Dawyck' is universally used it was his firm in 1912 that first distributed it commercially.
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L. 'Dawyck Gold'	Fagaceae		With the habit of 'Dawyck', but with the leaves golden when young and again in autumn. A seedling of 'Dawyck' with 'Zlatia' as the probable pollen-parent. In 1969 about 100 viable nuts were collected from a tree of 'Dawyck' growing in the Trompenburg Arboretum, Rotterdam. Of the seedlings sixty-three were common beech; the others were of the 'Dawyck' habit, twenty-five of them green-leaved, four purple-leaved and eight golden-leaved. From these were selected 'Dawyck Purple' and 'Dawyck Gold' (J. R. P. van Hoey-Smith, Journ. R.H.S., Vol. 98, pp. 206-7 (1973)). Both these clones were put into commerce in Britain by Messrs Hillier. Planted around 1975 in the Hillier Arboretum, both are about 25 ft high (1986). 'Dawyck Purple' is of narrower, more open habit than 'Dawyck Gold'.
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> L. 'Dawyck Purple'	Fagaceae		Like the above, this has the habit of 'Dawyck', but the leaves are a good deep purple. In 1969 about 100 viable nuts were collected from a tree of 'Dawyck' growing in the Trompenburg Arboretum, Rotterdam. Of the seedlings sixty-three were common beech; the others were of the 'Dawyck' habit, twenty-five of them green-leaved, four purple-leaved and eight golden-leaved. From these were selected 'Dawyck Purple' and 'Dawyck Gold' (J. R. P. van Hoey-Smith, Journ. R.H.S., Vol. 98, pp. 206-7 (1973)).

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<i>Fuchsia megallanica</i> Lam. 'Logan Woods'	Onagraceae		
<i>Gentiana 'Inverleith'</i>	Gentianiaceae		Bred by Bill Mackenzie, at 24, he became a student at the Edinburgh Botanic Garden. The Twenties and Thirties were heady times to be gardening there, for George Forrest was bringing back seed of new rhododendrons and primulas from his journeys in Yunnan, in China; Frank Kingdon Ward was sending seed of meconopsis, gentians and lilies from his plant-hunting trips in China, Burma and Tibet. It was MacKenzie's job, as deputy foreman in the propagation department, to raise all these new plants from the plant hunters' seed. The first plants ever seen in cultivation at the botanic garden of the famous blue Himalayan poppy, <i>Meconopsis betonicifolia</i>) were coaxed into flower by MacKenzie's patient care. later curator of Chelsea Physic Garden
<i>Globba winitii</i>	Zingiberaceae	Thailand, Myanmar	Dancing Ladies Ginger
<i>Hemerocallis</i> x 'Logan'	Hemerocallidaceae		
<i>Howea forsteriana</i>	Arecaceae	Lord Howe Island	Grows in Temperate Palm House, RBGE
<i>Jasminum officinale</i> L. 'Inverleith'	Oleaceae		
<i>Lepidozamia hopei</i>	Cycadaceae	Queensland, Australia	Grows in Orchid & Cycad House, RBGE
<i>Kaempferia elegans</i>	Zingiberaceae	East and South Asia	Malaysia
<i>Magnolia hodgsonii</i>	Magnoliaceae	Himalayas and SE Asia	Grows in Temperate Lands Glasshouse RBGE
<i>Meconopsis 'Inverleith'</i>	Papaveraceae		
<i>Monolophus bracteatus</i>	?Zingiberaceae	Laos	
<i>Nothofagus antarctica</i> (G.Forst.) Oerst. 'Benmore'	Nothofagaceae		

<i>Olea tsoongii</i>	Oleaceae	China	Grows in RBGE Temperate Lands Glasshouse
<i>Oreocharis synergia</i> W.H.Chen, Y.M.Shui& Mich.Möller	Gesneriaceae	Yunnan, China	Celebrates long partnership between RBGE/China in epithet 'synergia'
<i>Palaquium gutta</i>	Sapotaceae	South Asia	Temperate House, RBGE
<i>Passiflora</i> 'Inverleith'	Passifloraceae		
<i>Persicaria amplexicaulis</i> (D.Don) Ronse Decr. 'Inverleith'	Polygonaceae		
<i>Phygelius x rectus</i> Coombes 'Logan Queen'	Scrophulariaceae		
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i> L. 'Argentea Inverleith'	Pinaceae		
<i>Pleuranthodium peekelii</i>	Zingiberaceae	Bougainville	
<i>Primula allionii</i> Loisel. 'Edinburgh'	Primulaceae		
<i>Prunus x dawyckensis</i> Sealy	Rosaceae		Original tree still grows at Dawyck
<i>Quercus glauca</i>	Fagaceae	East and South Asia	Grows in Temperate Lands Glasshouse, RBGE
<i>Rhododendron gardenia</i> Schltr. 'Jennifer Jean'	Ericaceae		Named after George Argents Daughter?
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Logan Delight'	Ericaceae		
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Logan Surprise'	Ericaceae		
<i>Rhododendron loranthiflorum</i> Sleumer ssp <i>loranthiflorum</i> 'Dick Shaw'	Ericaceae		It is named after Richard (Dick) Shaw, formerly assistant curator at the Benmore Botanic Garden, then curator at Kew and finally Edinburgh. Dick was a fiery character who took a lively interest in the Vireya Collection and scientific collections in general when he was in charge.
<i>Rhododendron macgregoriae</i> F. Muell. 'Paddy Woods'	Ericaceae		It is named after Patrick Woods the collector, botanist and horticulturist at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. He went on several expeditions to SE Asia collecting plants, took a great interest and published on rhododendrons and orchids.
<i>Rhododendron macgregoriae</i> F. Muell. 'Tom Grieve'	Ericaceae		It is named after Thomas Grieve, a dedicated plantsman who worked in South America for

			much of his life but returned to Britain as a gardener at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. He was in charge of the Vireya Collection for a number of years and was the first person to persuade <i>Rhododendron saxifragoides</i> to flower.
<i>Rhododendron mendumiae</i> Argent	Ericaceae	Philippines	Named after former Botanist and Botanical Artist Mary Mendum
<i>Rhododendron montroseanum</i> Davidian 'Benmore'	Ericaceae		
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Ne Plus Ultra'	Ericaceae		
<i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i>	Arecaceae	New Zealand	Grows in Temperate Palm House, RBGE
<i>Sobralia</i> 'Inverleith' grex	Orchidaceae		Edin.Bot.Gdn. 1926 - registered (RHS) <i>Sobralia lowii</i> × <i>Sobralia xantholeuca</i>
<i>Somrania albiflora</i> D.J.Middleton	Gesneriaceae	Thailand	New genus described from cultivated plants collected sterile but brought to flower at RBGE
<i>Streptocarpus rexii</i> Lindl.	Gesneriaceae	South Africa	Genus type species. Subject of first genomic map in the genus
<i>Streptocarpus papangae</i> Humbert	Gesneriaceae	Madagascar endemic	Unusual morphology. Pink and white forms
<i>Streptocarpus nobilis</i> C.B.Clarke	Gesneriaceae	West Africa	Shows cleistogamy, very rare in genus
<i>Streptocarpus schliebenii</i> Mans.	Gesneriaceae	Tanzania endemic	Only in cultivation RBGE. Key to redefinition of geo-botanical distribution of genus
<i>Streptocarpus grandis</i> N.E.Br.	Gesneriaceae	South Africa	Unifoliolate and subject of major genetic studies
<i>Streptocarpus bullatus</i> Mansf.	Gesneriaceae	3 locations only	Endangered IUCN
<i>Sutherlandia frutescens</i> (L.) R.Br	Leguminosae	South Africa	The genus <i>Sutherlandia</i> was named after James Sutherland, 1639-1719, first Superintendent of the Edinburgh Botanic Garden Fynbos. Traditional medicine
<i>Sutherlandia montana</i> Phillips&R.A.Dyer	Leguminosae	South Africa	The genus <i>Sutherlandia</i> was named after James Sutherland, 1639-1719, first Superintendent of the Edinburgh Botanic Garden
<i>Taraxacum pankhurstianum</i> A.J.Richards& C.C.Ferguson-Smyth	Compositae	St Kilda, Scotland	Named after 1 of RBGE's former Botanists Richar Pankhurst and is One of the most rare of Scottish plants

<i>Thunia</i> 'Inverleith' <i>Thunia veitchiana</i> Rchb.f. x <i>bensoniae</i> Hook.f.	Orchidaceae	India, S. Asia	<i>Thunia</i> Inverleith Edin.Bot.Gdn. 2006 and is a hybrid of <i>Thunia</i> x <i>veitchiana</i> and <i>Thunia bensoniae</i> .
<i>Viburnum</i> × <i>bodnantense</i> 'Charles Lamont'			Named after a Former Assistant Curator at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, The cross was first made in 1933, by Charles Lamont (d. 1949), Assistant. And consists of a group of hybrids between <i>V. farreri</i> (<i>V. fragrans</i>) and <i>V. grandiflorum</i> .
<i>Zingiber newmanii</i> Theilade&Mood	Zingiberaceae	Malaysia	Named after Dr. Mark Newman, Botanist RBGE
<i>Zingiber thorelii</i>	Zingiberaceae	Cambodia	