

Meconopsis Trial 2010 – 2013

Harlow Carr

Trial No.	Name Sender	Comments			
		Plants flowering	Number of Flower spikes	Number of side-shoots	Plants dead
	INFERTILE BLUE GROUP				
1	M. Slieve Donard Christie's Nursery AGM 1993	Two	One good spike two plants	Well established	none
2	M. 'Bobby Masterton' Macplants Nursery	One	One spike fair	Few reasonable	none
3	M. 'Bryan Conway' Dr. E. Stevens	One	One spike	one or two on each plant	none
4	M. 'P.C. Abildgaard' Macplants Nursery	Two	One on two plants	few reasonable	none
5	M. 'Stewart Annand' Macplants Nursery	Two	Two on one plant One with one	Two with few One with one	none
6	M. 'Mrs. Jebb' Dr. E. Stevens	Two	Two on one plant One on other	Well established	none
7	M. 'Crewdson Hybrid' Dr. E. Stevens	Two	One each on two plants	Well established	none
8	M. 'Crarae' Dr. E. Stevens	Three	One on each plant	Two well established One with few	none
	"Stand-alone"	(so distinctive that they have not been attributed to a Group)			
9	M. 'Willie Duncan' Christie's Nursery	Three	One on each plant	Few on each plant	none
10	M. Keillour' Macplants Nursery	None	Looks like younger plants	None	none
11	M. 'Inverewe' Dr. E. Stevens	Three	Two with two spikes One with one	Well established Few only	none

12	M. 'Marit' (a white cultivar) Christie's Nursery	Two	One spike on two plants One with no flowers	few side shoots Well established	none
George Sherriff Group					
13	M. 'Huntfield' Dr. E. Stevens	Two	One spike two plants None flowering plant	One few side-shoots One good Well established	none
14	M. 'Jimmy Bayne' Macplants Nursery	Two	One spike two plants	Well established	none
15	M. 'Dalemain' Macplants Nursery	Two	One spike two plants One flowering plant	Two well established few side shoots	none
16	M. 'Susan's Reward' Macplants Nursery	Three	Two on one plant One on one	All well established	none
17	M. 'Barney's Blue' Christie's Nursery	Three	One on each plant	Few side shoots	none
18	M. 'Ascreavie' Christie's Nursery	Three	One on each plant	One or two on each plant	none
Fertile Blue Group					
19	M. 'Lingholm' Rumbling Bridge Nursery	One	One plant	All well established	none.
20	M. 'Mophead' Dr. E. Stevens	One	One plant	All well established	none
21	M. 'Louise' Dr. E. Stevens	Two	One on two plants One flowering plant	Two well established few side shoots	none
True Grandis Forms					
22	M. grandis (ES104) Dr. E. Stevens	One	One plant	All reasonably established	none
23	M. grandis (? Ex PSW) Christie's Nursery	Five	Two plants one on each One plant three spikes	Few side shoots Very poor	Maybe dead

Notes: Number 1 already has an AGM, Numbers 1-3 are very old clones, clearly closely related, Number 4 is of known, fairly recent origin in Denmark, Number 5 probably arose at Branklyn Garden, Numbers 6 and 7 are clearly closely related, Number 8 is another old cultivar and clearly quite distinct from any others.

Numbers 13-16 are clearly closely related and very similar, but we feel they are distinct, this applying to constitution and not just appearance – some seem to “do” better in certain climates than others.

Number 19 is reliably fertile, producing masses of seed. Numbers 20 and 21 were raised from Seed exchange seed, presumably with 'Lingholm' affinities, but 20 does not produce viable seed and 21 does not do so reliably – they are both to be treated as clonal cultivars. Number 22 we believe to be true grandis and it produces full capsules of viable seed. Number 23 appears to be true grandis (we understand ex one of the collections of Polunin, Sykes and Williams), but it is sterile.

Addresses of Senders

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