

HILLVIEW RARE PLANTS

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SEED LIST 2012

Hill View is a small mail order nursery specialising in bulbous plants and this catalogue lists seeds collected in the Mediterranean region in 2012, as well as a small selection of paeonies from our own stock plants. A high degree of confidence is placed on the identification and provenance of all the items on offer and some of these will not be readily available elsewhere. There is a strong emphasis on crocus, colchicum and fritillaria with an additional list of choice selections.

Growing from seed may seem like an unassailable challenge to the novice, however many of the species listed here will germinate freely. There are some important advantages in raising a batch of plants from scratch. The grower gets to better know what these plants require, has the opportunity to develop and hone their gardening skills and will have a range of individual plants from which to select superior forms - all at a fraction of the cost of a smaller batch of purchased bulbs.

One packet will include from 10 to 25 seeds unless indicated on the individual listing. Germination and ongoing cultivation notes will be provided with each item. I hope that there is something in this catalogue that tempts a try.

Happy Germinating

Marcus

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COLCHICUM

A large and diverse genus that includes autumn, winter and spring flowering species which are superficially similar to crocus in flower shape though restricted in colour from white to pink and rosier hues. Not given the attention they deserve mainly because many garden hybrids have large flabby leaves. This list includes some really splendid plants that won't present this problem to the gardener.

COLCHICUM BAYTOPIORUM Termessos, Antalya, Turkey 1000m.
Elegant, medium-sized pastel pink flowers borne in profusion over emerging, neat, glossy green leaves in autumn. 8 seeds for \$6.00

COLCHICUM BOISSIERI Katara Pass, Epirus, NW Greece 1150m.
Slender and elegant, rich pink flowers with contrasting yellow anthers before the leaves in autumn. Stoloniferous. \$6.00

COLCHICUM HUNGARICUM Tria Pigadia, Mt Vermion, Macedonia 1000m
Diminutive, gem-like species bearing 2 to 3 pink or white goblets with dark anthers in late winter or early spring. Leaves linear to lanceolate and barely emerging at flowering. \$6.00

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COLCHICUM PUSILLUM Poros, Argolida, Greece 300m Rarely seen species distributed throughout southern Greece and morphing into *C. cretense* in Crete and the slightly larger *C. peleponnesiacum* in the south of that same named area. Neat flowers of pale mauve-pink or white starting out funnel form and opening star-shaped in mid-autumn. \$6.00

COLCHICUM VARIEGATUM Ambelos, Samos, Greece 1000m. Strikingly beautiful autumn-flowering species from western Turkey and the adjacent Aegean islands. Solid heavily chequered flowers in rich reddish-purple and white with starkly contrasting black anthers followed by neat wavy ground-hugging grey-green leaves. \$7.00

COLCHICUM TURCICUM Drania, Thrace, Greece 700m A rare wild collection of a seldom offered species. Similar to *C. autumnale* but readily distinguished from it by its glaucous, wavy leaves and deep crimson-purple flowers, up to 8, in late autumn. \$7.00

CROCUS

A wonderfully diverse genus bearing their goblet or cup-shaped flowers from early autumn right through to spring in a mix of colours and patterns. Here in southern Australia they present no problems germinating and can be easily grown in the garden given sensible planting and soil conditions.

CROCUS BIFLORUS ? Mt Xanthi, Thrace, Greece 600m. Mystery population towards Komnina. In short turf among openings within hazelnut and prickly oak scrub. Similar seeds to *ssp alexandrii* but lighter in colour and the location and altitude are wrong for this species. Could this be the very rare *C. biflorus ssp stridii*?? 5 seeds for \$5.00

CROCUS BIFLORUS ssp ALEXANDRII Mt Falakron, N of Drama, Macedonia, Greece 1100m. Currently only known in Greece from this site close to the Bulgarian border. At its best, large, rich violet-blue flowers with snow white inner petals and yellow anthers. Lovely spring flowering race and a rare chance to obtain some authentic wild seed. \$4.00

CROCUS BIFLORUS ? ssp NUBIGENA Plagia, Ikaria, Greece 500m. Essentially a plant of Western Turkey but occurs on a handful of islands bordering this coast where it is rare. Lilac-blue spring flowers striped and feathered on the outside with purple. Striking black anthers contrasting dramatically with a yellow throat and orange-yellow stigma. Seeds and corms reasonably match but no guarantees. 8 seeds for \$6.00

CROCUS CANCELLATUS ssp MAZZIARICUS Poros, Argolida, Greece 300m Autumn flowering species with large, highly ornamental blooms. Always white here but dramatically striped and stippled with darker veins. \$4.00

CROCUS CANCELLATUS ssp MAZZIARICUS Nunnery of Engelistrias, Mt Kirkis, Samos 600m. Island race of this widespread subspecies flowering in both white and lilac forms with yellow anthers. \$6.00

CROCUS CANCELLATUS ssp MAZZIARICUS East of Karystos, Euboea, Greece 200m. This collection should produce some impressive plants from pale to deep lilac-blue, similar to those on the front cover of Chris Grey-Wilson's, "A field Guide to the Bulbs of Greece". \$7.00

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CROCUS CHRYSANTHUS Mt Falakron, N of Drama, Macedonia, Greece. 1250m. A widely distributed species from Albania, the Balkans into central Turkey and here it grows around beech and pine forest in short turf. Beautiful, bright yellow flowers with large thickly textured segments in late winter. \$6.00

CROCUS CHRYSANTHUS HYBRIDS Mt Falakron, Macedonia, Greece 1250-1400m. At various points on this mountain *C. chrysanthus* grows alongside *Crocus biflorus ssp alexandrii*. At these places there are reports of hybrids occurring and this is selected seed showing intermediate characteristics. 10 seeds for \$5.00

CROCUS CVIJICII Tria Pigardia, Mt. Vermion, Macedonia 1400m. A very local, high altitude species, from the mountains conjoining Greece, Albania and Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Scented spring flowers in chrome-yellow to orange yellow. \$6.00

CROCUS FLAVUS Loutro, Thrace, Greece 500m. A profusion of fiery, orange-yellow flowers produced in spring make it one of the finest garden plants in the genus. Just makes it over into Greece along this land-bridge border. Genuinely authentic wild seed. \$5.00

CROCUS FLAVUS Drania, Thrace, Greece 500m. Description as above but this is much further west at what must be close to the limits of its range. \$5.00

CROCUS FLEISCHERI Nea Moni, Chios Greece 715m. Dainty translucent white flowers with brilliant, feathery, scarlet styles in early spring. Rarely collected island race. 8 seeds for \$5.00

CROCUS LAEVIGATUS Karystos, Evia, Greece. 50m Late autumn to winter flower only found in Greece and some of its islands. Variable in flower size, shape and colouring over its range. These have large white to lilac flowers boldly striped metallic purple externally. 10 seeds for \$6.00

CROCUS OLIVIERI ssp OLIVIERI Nea Moni, Chios, Greece 650m Widespread spring-flowering type species found in scattered populations below 1500 metres right across the Balkans, Greece and northern Turkey. Large, bright orange flowers devoid of external markings, open radar dish flat to the sun. 10 seeds for \$5.00

CROCUS OLIVERI ssp BALANSAE Mt Ambelos Samos, Greece. 1000m. Bright orange-yellow spring flowers are attractively striped or suffused purplish brown on the outside. Rarely collected so this is a great opportunity for authentic seed.. \$6.00

CROCUS PALLASII ssp PALLASII Mt Ambelos Samos, Greece. 1000m Large, pale lilac, sometime almost white, flowers with bright red styles. Found growing in cracks on flat limestone slabs with iris, fritillaria and *Colchicum variegatum*. Will need a dry summer rest. \$6.00

CROCUS PALLASII var HOMERI Nea Moni, Chios Greece 715m. Name given to this island race with is dark throat and heavily striped petals. Rare chance for some authentic seed of this little known treasure. 4 seeds for \$5.00

CROCUS PELISTERICUS Kajmatchalan, Pela, Greece 1700m. Limited to a few high mountain localities on the Greek-Macedonian border. Snow-melt species near to *C. scardicus* with striking flowers, described by Brian Mathew as having, "an unusual intensity of colour, a deep rich violet with a glossy surface". \$6.00

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CROCUS PULCHELLUS Mt Falakron, Macedonia, Greece 1300m.
Large, elegant autumn goblets of lavender blue with a touch of yellow in the throat. Growing here vernal wet meadows – seed capsules on long stems in thick grass. \$4.00

CROCUS RETICULATUS ssp RETICULATUS Mt Falakron, Macedonia, Greece 1300m. Collection from the only known Greek site for this species, where it occurs alongside *C. bif. ssp alexandrii*. Large, pale blue to lilac flowers, strongly striped on exterior with deep purple, in spring. \$5.00

CROCUS SIEBERI ssp SUBLIMIS Mt Kajmatchalan, Pela, Greece 1200m. Found here in bracken and turf lower down the mountain. Lilac blue flowers with yellow throats in early spring. The race from most of mainland Greece and much easier than the Cretan type-race. \$5.00

CROCUS VELUCHENSIS Kajmakcalan, Pela, Greece 1600m. Large, pale to deep lilac-blue flowers, often with darker tips, but without the yellow throat of its close relative, *C. sieberi ssp sublimis*. Likes it cool and not too dry to do well \$5.00

CROCUS VELUCHENSIS Elati Forest, Drama, Greece 900m.
Description as above but from an area further to the north east in Drama region and very close to the Bulgarian border. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA

The celebrity genus amongst dwarf bulb enthusiasts at present, probably because there are so many species currently being brought in cultivation. These are fascinating plants with much to teach to the enthusiast on the art of growing, enjoying and understanding wild species.

FRITILLARIA ARGOLICA Poros, Argolida, Greece 300m.
Handsome species bearing 1 or 2 large bells in garnet red and caramel. These are stippled or striped green and gold and held on tall stems. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA CARICA Mt. Ambelos, Samos, Greece 1000m.
Essentially a Turkish native finding a home in some the adjacent Greek Islands. Occupies higher, more exposed areas on the same mountain as *F. bithynica*. This robust population is little known in cultivation and bears clear yellow bells and dark nectaries. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA DRENOVSKYI Mt Falakron, N of Drama, Macedonia, Greece 800m. Elegant species with thin, scattered grey-green leaves on slender stems. Long, narrow bells from dark chocolate to honey-brown. Endemic to the Greek-Bulgarian border ranges. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA EHRHARTII East of Karystos, Evia, Greece 100m.
Bloomy, yellow-tipped, grape-black bells that glow to ruby in the spring light. A native to a few sites in S Euboea and the Cyclades and rarely offered as authentic wild seed. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA EPIROTICA Metsovo, Epirus, NW Greece 1500m. Fat, purple-brown bells, lightly tessellated with yellow-green held almost prostrate between thick, twisted, grey-green leaves. Elongates its stem as pinkish-grey seed head develops. Wild seed rarely offered. \$5.00

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FRITILLARIA GRAECA SSP THESSALA Katara Pass, Epirus, NW Greece 1300m. A robust species bearing elegant, greeny-yellow bells striped and faintly chequered in terracotta red, on tall stems. Larger than the type and a much easier and more useful plant in the garden. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA MONTANA Deskarti, Grevena, Central Greece 1100m. Tall and elegant form of this widespread race occurring sporadically throughout central to NW Greece. Large, heavily tessellated flowers in green and purple to the extent that they appear grape-purple. \$5.00

FRITILLARIA PELINAEA Mt Pelineo, Chios, Greece 700m. Rarest of the yellow-flowering Greek species and only described in 1979. Clear yellow bells are held on strong stems, broadly ovate lower leaves in glaucous green, somewhat fleshy and opposite. Rarely offered and a chance to obtain authentic seed. 10 seeds for \$6.00

FRITILLARIA PONTICA Dadia, Thrace, NE Greece 500. Widespread throughout Thrace and northern Turkey this species produces big, fat bells in apple green, tinged with terra cotta to pink at the tips. Rewarding species for the novice and very useful in the open garden. \$5.00

OTHER BURIED TREASURES

ALLIUM NIGRUM Koumaradei, Samos, Greece 400m. One of a small number of ornamental alliums native to Greece and one of the largest. Big, flat-topped clusters of off-white to lilac flowers, each with a pronounced ovary at the centre, like a tiny green pearl. Borne on tall stems in late spring when the grey-green, strappy foliage is already starting to fade a little. \$4.00

ANEMONE BLANDA Mt. Ambelos, Samos, Greece. 1000m Incomparable woodlander bearing open-faced mid-winter blooms in various shades of blue, occasionally white or bicoloured, over a filigree of dark green leaves. Rarely collected island strain. \$4.00

ANEMONE CORONARIA Nunnery of Engelistrias, Mt Kerkis, Samos, Greece 600m. Solitary, saucer-shaped flowers in early spring in shades of red, violet-blue, mauve and also white. Freshly collected wild seed. \$4.00

ASPHODELINE LUTEA Sidero, Evros, Greece 700m. Perennial native to SE Europe and Turkey. Known colloquially as the Kings Spear, it is a tall plant reaching up to 1.2m, the stem clothed in narrow grey-green leaves, bearing dense racemes of bright yellow, fragrant flowers in spring. \$4.00

CISTUS PARVIFLORUS Pink Form Arethousa, Ikaria, Greece 650m. Low growing, small, compact bush densely clothed in small grey-green leaves, and bearing medium-sized mid-pink flowers in spring. Lovely forms on this island and adjacent Samos. \$5.00

CYCLAMEN GRAECUM Poros, Argolida, Greece. 50m Variable and wide-ranging species bearing a succession of shell pink to rosy-pink chubby flowers over a long period in autumn. Here's a chance to get some wild-provenance seed. \$4.00

CYCLAMEN HEDERIFOLIUM var HEDERIFOLIUM Nunnery of Engelistrias, Mt Kerkis, Samos, Greece 600m. A range of pink and white forms with large bright green leaves with variable hastate patterns. This incomparable and iconic autumn-flowering species is the hardiest and best species for the garden. Rarely offered wild seed. \$4.00

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ERYTHRONIUM DENS CANIS Mt Falakron, Macedonia, Greece 1700m. Only known Greek site for this European species, where it grows with *Dactylorhiza sambucina* on open hillsides above the tree line. Produces, solitary, nodding, mauve-pink flowers on shortish stems over heavily mottled, ovate leaves. \$4.00

EUPHORBIA SEGUIERIANA ssp NICICIANA Nevrokopi, Macedonia, Greece 500m. A stunning semi-evergreen perennial spurge, making a spherical bush of radial mahogany stems clothed in whorls of narrow grey-green leaves and carrying large, flattish umbels of tiny lime-green flowers for months through spring and summer. \$5.00

GALANTHUS ELWESII Mt Ambelos, Samos, Greece 1200m Once thought to be a Turkish species this robust species has now been found on a number of Greek islands. Broad, glaucous leaves and large, globular, white flowers marked green at the tip and the base. Introgression from *G. gracilis* appears to have occurred on Samos so some plants will display narrower, applanate leaves. \$5.00

HERMODACTYLUS TUBEROSUS Poros, Argolida, Greece. 100m. Irresistible, green and velvety-black iris of the Mediterranean. Fragrant tuberous-rooted, summer-dormant species bearing its quietly exotic, fragrant blooms in winter. \$5.00

IRIS? FALCATA Mt Kamvounia, Grevena, Greece 1000m. Recently discovered species closely related to *I. pumila* and *I. reichenbachii*.. Bears 2 to 3 pale yellow flowers over strongly falcate leaves which are broader in the upper half. From an area close to the locus classicus. 5 seeds for \$7.00

IRIS REICHENBACHII Dadia , Thrace, Eastern Greece 600m. Dwarf bearded iris from the eastern Mediterranean. Large flowers in several colour forms, from blue, yellow and white, with attractively veined falls, over neat blue-green leaves. \$6.00

IRIS SUAVEOLENS Mt Ambelos, Samos, Greece 1100m. Dwarf bearded iris from the limestone pavements around summit. Described as this species but I am not convinced. Classic miniature species with large primrose yellow standards with smaller, sulphur suffused falls, veined darkly around the base and a white beard. 5 seeds for \$6.00

HELLEBORE CYCLOPHYLLUS The “Greek Hellebore” whose locus classicus is Mt Olympus. This is authentic, fresh seed from a wild collection made by us further north in Macedonia. Big, clear-green flowers and lovely silver-haired emerging foliage during the winter. \$5.00

MUSCARI MACROCARPUM Nunnery of Engelistrias, Mt Kerkis, Samos, Greece 600m. Gloriously scented flowers on 15cm stems, opening to rich yellow from dull-purple buds. Greyish, channelled leaves and huge, inflated, winged seed capsules in dusky pink. These capsules are rarely, if ever seen, because the nursery trade is dominated by one or two sterile clones. Here’s a chance to change that! \$5.00

SALVIA RINGENS Lake Vergenia,, Macedonia, Greece 200m.. Numerous whorls of beautiful blue to lavender-blue flowers on leafless, metre high spikes over low, neat, blue-green foliage. Stunning species for the dry garden. 8 seeds for \$6.00

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SALVIA CANDIDISSIMA Mt Falakron, Macedonia, Greece 1200m. Branching spires to 1m bear whorls of large, bone-white flowers often tipped lemon. Large, heart-shaped, grey-green leaves covered in white, downy hairs. Superlative plant for the dry garden. 8 seeds for \$6.00

SALVIA VERBENACA Dadia, Thrace, Eastern Greece 600m. Fabulous form of the commonly known Wild Clary Sage or Vervain, producing many whorls of milky-blue to bluish-purple flowers on tall spikes that rise above neatly crimped, spatula-shaped leaves. \$4.00

SCABIOSA HYMETTIA (syn. *Lomelosia hymettia*) Mt Parnis, Attikis, Greece 700m. Large hummocks of soft silvery leaves, studded with large, pale-blue to blue-violet flowers on slender stems throughout spring and summer. Rare and choice Greek perennial. \$4.00

SCILLA BIFOLIA Kajmatchalan, Pela, Greece 1700m. Small very early flowering spring race with vivid, almost crystalline blue, pink or white blooms on short spikes. \$3.00

STERNBERGIA CLUSIANA Mt Ambelos, Samos, Greece 1200m. An extraordinarily disjunct population identified by Davis (Flora of Turkey 1982) from Goulimis' herbarium specimens. At last a collection of this gorgeous, intensely yellow to yellow-orange species flowering without the leaves or just showing. 8 seeds for \$6.00

TULIPA SYLVESTRIS ssp AUSTRALIS Varvousa, Epirus, NW Greece 600m. Daintier version with dazzling, golden-yellow, open-cupped flowers often stained violet or crimson on the outside, never green. These are borne on slender, 45cm stems. A rare chance to obtain some authentic seed. \$5.00

SEEDS OF GARDEN ORIGIN

A small selection of choice peonies grown here at Hill View including some rarely offered species.

PAEONIA MASCULA SSP HELLENICA (var. *hellenica*) No data. Native to Greece where it is found in isolated colonies in the Peloponnese, Attica, Euboea and Andros. Big, sumptuous, crinkly, white flowers with red and yellow stamens over bold, blue-green foliage.

6 seeds for \$7.00

PAEONIA FLAVESCENS (*P. mascula* ssp *hellenica*, Sicilian population) ex JJA 746.520 Italy, Sicily. Ex W. McLewin 01.08. Jim Archibald considered this considerably disjunct population perfectly distinct from the Greek plants. Being taller, and with different leaf structure. Large, bowl-shaped, white flowers, which in this case, are rimmed with a pink, conferring a beautiful, diffuse, picotee effect.

5 seeds for \$8.00

PAEONIA KESROUANENSIS No data. Previously offered as *P. mascula ssp russi* we now believe this to be incorrect. Native of Syria and western Lebanon, bearing large, soft-pink flowers, opening early on tall stems as the foliage unfurls. 8 seeds for \$6.00

PAEONIA CAMBESSEDESII No data. Dwarf species, endemic to the Balearic Islands, bearing big, rosy red flowers over smooth, grey-green, almost metallic foliage, crimson beneath. Breath-taking when in flower, and equally superb when not. 5 seed for \$8.00

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Ordering: Either forward order via letter with cash or cheque enclosed or email your selections through and pay by bank transfer or Paypal. Details provided on request. Please note your order will only be dispatched upon our receipt of payment.

For overseas customers:

- All prices are in Australian dollars.
- I can accept cheques in all Western European, Canadian, American, Japanese and New Zealand currencies but please use the current exchange rate.
- If forwarding a personal cheque please add AUS\$15.00 extra to cover addition bank charges for currency conversion.
- I will also accept international postal money orders or international money orders.
- Direct bank funds transfer and Paypal are the most efficient and less costly methods of payment and this can be arranged by contacting me via email.
- For USA customers USDA regulations apply to import of exotic plant material, and if you wish you can obtain a permit and mailing labels from USDA. However there is little likelihood that small parcels are at risk without these and we would be willing to replace or refund an order in the event of this occurring.

Substitutes: Please indicate any substitutes that you will accept if stocks of your first selections become exhausted.

Packaging & Freight

Within Australia	\$ 5.00
Overseas	A\$10.00

Seed will be dispatched beginning around the 20th of October and orders will be taken up to the end of May 2013, depending on seed supply.

