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Bauhinia Fabaceae.

B. x blakeana

Deciduous tree; each leaf a single, two-lobed leaflet; deep rose-magenta flowers streaked with crimson, darkening as they mature to dark red, larger than *B. variegata*; 'of the numerous cultivated species of this charming family there is probably none that equals [*B. x blakeana*] either in the beauty or the profusion of its flowers. For more than four months the trees remain covered with their large reddish-purple blooms which develop successively on the long racemes.'

Origin: A hybrid of uncertain origin, perhaps between *B. variegata* and *B. purpurea*, described from a tree in Hongkong Botanic Gardens by S. T. Dunn, and named after Sir Henry and Lady Blake:

The trivial name of this species [*sic*] commemorates the kindly interest taken in the Hongkong Botanic Gardens by Sir Henry and Lady Blake during the Governorship of the former, which ended in 1903.

Dunn noted that when he described the tree it was very rare in cultivation, and 'likely for some time to remain so, as it can only be propagated by cuttings'.

The only trees known to exist at the present time [1908] are those in the Hongkong Botanic Gardens, a few near the Sanatorium of the Missions Etrangères at Pokfulam, on the other side of the island, and a few more at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Canton. It is indeed to the Fathers of the above Mission that we owe the preservation of this *Bauhinia*. It was discovered by them near the ruins of a house on the sea-shore, and cuttings were planted in their garden; from the trees thus produced the Botanic Gardens were supplied.

Today the Blakes' *Bauhinia* is widely planted in subtropical and tropical regions. This tree is not hardy in northwestern Europe, and not commercially available in Ireland or Britain.

refs: *European garden flora* IV (1995), 478; *Journ. bot.* 46 (1908): 325-326; Walden & Hu, *Wild flowers of south China & Hong Kong* pt. 2 (1987), 75.

illustr: Walden & Hu, *Wild flowers of south China & Hong Kong* pt. 2 (1987), plate 101 & cover.



Begonia Begoniaceae.

Rodger, M'Clelland & Co. of Newry bred begonia cultivars as this inventory shows - Thomas Smith (later of Daisy Hill Nursery) was working for that firm when these plants were released in the 1870s and 1880s. The nursery won prizes for their cultivars at shows in Scotland. In the *Supplemental catalogue*, a long list of tuberous-rooted *Begonia* cultivars was published: 'Our collection of these is now so famous as to need no further introduction.'

William Baylor Hartland of Ard-Cairn, Cork, also bred begonias, claiming about 1898 that 'over 300 new varieties of double begonias have been raised at Ard-Cairn within three years.' I have probably not listed all Hartland's plants, as it is not always clear which ones were his own and which came from other sources (I have listed those with names printed in capital letters only).

Andrew Campbell, head-gardener at St. Anne's, Clontarf, Co. Dublin, also tried raising new cultivars; he had 'the finest

lot of *Begonia* 'Gloire de Lorraine' in this country [and was] trying to cross that variety with the fine old form 'Moonlight' in the hope of obtaining some new shades ...' (*The garden* 58 (10 November 1900): 346).

B. x carrierei 'Scarva Cherry'

syn: *B. x semperflorens* 'Scarva Cherry'

Flowers very double, 'almost spherical pom-poms', cherry-red.

Origin: raised and introduced by John Morris, Locks Nursery, Scarva, Co. Armagh. The name is registered with the American Begonia Society. Can be propagated from cuttings, or by micro-propagation.

refs: *Moorea* 6 (1987), 29-32 [micro-propagation], 44; *IGPS newsl.* 30 (1988), 10.

illusts: *Moorea* 6 (1987), 31-32.

'Absolem'

Flowers double, salmon rose, large.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.

'Androcles'

Flowers double, deep scarlet with lighter centre.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.

'Ard-Cairn'

Flowers double, colour and shape of 'Duke of Edinburgh' rose.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.

'Ball of Fire'

Flowers double, 'fiery scarlet', plant tall-growing.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.

'Beauty of Belgrove'

Flowers the same colour as 'La France' rose, 'very decorative and beautiful'.

Origin: I include this because Belgrove was the name of the residence of William Edward Gumbleton, a well-known begonia fancier, near Cobh, Co. Cork. Gumbleton and Hartland were contemporaries so this one may well have been raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork. It is also noteworthy that a begonia was named after Gumbleton by Roger, M'Clelland & Co. of Newry (see below).

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 5.

'Brilliant'

'Free grower; bright orange scarlet', drooping flowers.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 67.

'Brilliantissima'

'Dwarf compact growth. Flowers small, freely produced, of the most intense crimson', drooping flowers.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 67.

'Calypso'

Flowers double, salmon pink

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he

- produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Capella'**
 Flowers double, 'bright scarlet shaded orange in centre'.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Carminata Elegans'**
 'Dwarf ... flowers carmine, marbled with orange', drooping flowers.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Cetywayo'**
 'Compact grower. Colour salmon; distinct', flowers erect.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Charles Hartland'**
 Flowers double, Camellia-shaped, waxy, white edged pink, a dwarf.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 1.
- 'Charlie Lawson'**
 'Robust habit of growth, Flowers [erect] cup-shaped, massive, colour bright scarlet'.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Charlie O'Malley'**
 Flowers double, very large, a show bloom, fiery red.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Chas. W. Cowan'**
 Flowers double, sulphur yellow.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Consolation'**
 'Upright branching habit. Flowers [drooping] very large; deep crimson'.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Coras'**
 Flowers double, large, coral pink.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 3.
illust: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 3.
- 'Coruscans'**
 'Bushy habit ... colour glowing scarlet', flowers erect.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Countess of Doneraile'** – see 'Viscountess Doneraile'
- 'Croagh-Patrick'**
- Flowers double, 'terra cotta'.
Origin: 'very distinct', raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s c. 1898
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Diadem'**
 'Dwarf bushy habit ... Very large [drooping] flowers, of a bright magenta-crimson colour'.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68. c. 1880
- 'Edmond'**
 'Very robust growth. Ample foliage; large cup-shaped circular blossoms, of a pale rose colour', flowers erect.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68. c. 1880
- 'Electric Light'**
 Flowers double, very large, 'pleasant shading pink and white', erect.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 3.
- 'Evelyn Kinsley'**
 Flowers double, waxy pink shaded with gold.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.
- 'Faustus'**
 Flowers double, rich salmon, with white centres, 'beautifully crimped'.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 4.
illust: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 4.
- 'Florrie'**
 'Dwarf bushy creeping habit ... Foliage nearly circular, pale green; flowers large and circular [erect], of a very distinct orange-buff colour'.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. c. 1880
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Gem'**
 'Very dwarf bushy all-round habit ... Leaves velvety green; flowers [drooping] rich salmon, netted all over with orange'.
Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.
- 'Grace Darling'**
 Flowers double, deep pink.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.
- 'Grace O'Malley'** c. 1880
 Flowers double, bright pink.
Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s
ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.
- 'Hebe'** c. 1898

'Compact, free bushy habit ... Flowers [erect] an indescribable [sic] shade of salmon rose; beautiful'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 68.

'Honey-comb'

Flowers double, 'curious honey-comb shaped bloom of pink, edged like a picotee, pendulous'.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Ignea'

Flower erect 'the most intense shade of scarlet'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. A hybrid from *Begonia froebelii*.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Incognito'

Flowers double, salmon-rose shaded coral.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 5.

illustr: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 5.

'John Halifax'

Flowers double, large, salmon pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Little Dwarf'

'Medium growth. Most prolific bloomer. Colour glowing shade of scarlet; fine', flowers drooping.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Lady Annesley'

'A very fine variety. Flowers large [drooping], of the most intense magenta crimson colour'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Lady Kenmare'

Flowers double, French white with broad picotee edge.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 1.

'Lady of the Lake'

'Immense blossoms, [drooping], of a crimson lake colour'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. 'One of the very finest yet raised'.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Lord Cadogan'

Flowers double, light salmon with pure white centres.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 1.

'Lord Newry'

'Vigorous branching habit', 1½–2ft tall, 'flowers erect, on long stout footstalks, three to five in a truss, opening to a flat outline. Colour glowing orange scarlet'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

Described as 'one of the very best yet raised'.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Mabel'

'Pretty variety'; no other description.

c. 1898

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Majestic'

'Very vigorous ... [flowers erect], warm rosy scarlet'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

c. 1880

'Marmorata'

'Medium growth. Colour lively carmine, the two lateral petals marbled with white', flowers drooping.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Mentor'

'Erect and free habit of growth. Stems and footstalks very hairy. Colour clear salmon', flowers drooping.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Meteor'

Flowers double, bright red, shaded gold.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Milk-maid'

Flowers double, drooping, pendulous, creamy yellow.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Mina'

'Strong grower. Colour rosy crimson', flowers erect.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. c. 1880

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 69.

'Mrs Algie'

Flowers sem-double, very large, coral pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 1, fig. 1.

illustr: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 1.

'Mrs Baylor Hartland'

c. 1880

Flowers immense, camellia-shaped, double, spotless white, 3–3½ inches across.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s.

refs: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 1, fig. 6; *Gard. chron.* 22 (ser. 3) (20 November 1897): 366.

illustr: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 6.

'Mrs Charles Bigg'

Flowers double, deep pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Mrs Kent'

'Vigorous habit ... Flowers [drooping] produced in bunches of from five to seven, large and massive. Colour rich lake crimson'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Nemesis'

'Medium grower. Very dark crimson' [drooping flowers].

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Pactole'

Flowers double, deep rich yellow, camellia-shaped.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Paris'

Flowers double, creamy-white edged with pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 2.

illustr: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], fig. 2.

'Pendula'

'Flowers [drooping] freely produced. Colour rosy crimson'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Peter Pindar'

'Vigorous. Flowers [erect] large, circular, flat. Clear rosy colour ... An extra fine variety'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Pink Beauty'

Flowers double, bright pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Popular'

'Stout branching habit ... with large circular slightly cupped [erect] blossoms, of a deep rose colour'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Prima Donna'

'Dwarf vigorous growth. Large and handsome leaves. Flowers on long foot-stalks, well formed, [erect] opening to a flat outline, very large and shell-like. White, with lovely pink tinge on the edges'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Primate'

'Immense leaves, prostrate on the soil. Very large cup-shaped [erect] blossoms, of a rosy pink colour'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Primrose Gem'

'Dwarf bushy growth. Flowers [erect] most freely produced, well formed. Colour precisely the same as that of the common primrose'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Queen of Roses'

'Dwarf and free. Colour clear rose', flowers erect.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Red Hills'

'Compact, yet free, habit of growth. Foliage dark velvety green.

Flowers [erect] rich and peculiar shade of orange yellow'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 70.

'Reticulata'

'Very dwarf free habit. Foliage almost black, with lighter veins.

Flowers well formed, large [erect] clear deep yellow'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Reverend Walter Butt'

Flowers double, bright rose-pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 2.

'Robert Burns'

'Vigorous grower. Colour intense scarlet', flowers erect.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71. c. 1880

'Robert Day'

Flowers double, salmon pink.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 4.

'Rosamond Clifford'

Flowers single, 'immense salver-shaped bloom of soft pink, faintly striped with white'.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898]. c. 1898

'Rosoflora Superb'

'Vigorous habit. Flowers large, [erect], pale rose'. c. 1880

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Rosy Morn'

'Erect habit. Flowers large, partially drooping, clear rose'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. c. 1880

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Ruby'

'Compact free habit. Colour dark glossy crimson', flowers erect.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Scarlet Gem'

'Habit stout and bushy; producing its [erect] flowers in the utmost profusion. Colour brilliant vermilion scarlet'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

'Unquestionably the most brilliant variety yet obtained.'

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71. c. 1880

'Sir F. Roberts'

'Robust habit... Flowers cup-shaped, massive, [erect] ... pale scarlet'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Souvenir de Malmaison'

Flowers double, the same colour as the carnation 'Souvenir de La Malmaison'

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 2.

'The Bride'

'Large, beautifully-formed, flat [drooping] blossoms; colour pure white, with blush margin.'

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Titania'

'Colour clear pale buff, deepening to orange buff', flowers drooping.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Triumph'

'Strong grower; flowers well formed [erect; colour deep rose].'

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 71.

'Vicar of Caythorp'

Flowers double, creamy white lightly shaded to picotee edge.

Origin: raised and introduced by William Baylor Hartland, Ard Cairn, Cork; one the 300 double begonias that he produced in the late 1890s

ref: Hartland, *Begonias, Dahlias & Chrysanthemums* [c.1898], 2.

'Viscountess Doneraile'

syn: 'Countess of Doneraile'

'Very dark blood-red flowers – the darkest-flowered variety ... yet seen.'

Origin: this was exhibited by James Veitch & Sons in 1876. Thus it was almost certainly not of Irish origin, but was named after Lady Doneraile who was well-known as an enthusiastic gardener.

In *Hortus Veitchii* there are several references to this cultivar, which was first catalogued in 1881. It is described as

one of the most brilliant of [John] Seden's achievements with the Begonia, [having] resulted from crossing the two hybrids Monarch and *B. x Sedenii*; the flowers on stout erect scapes, well above the light green leaves, were freely produced, and rich vermilion-red in colour.

refs: *Gard. chron.* 6 n.s. (22 July 1876): 116; *Hortus Veitchii* (1906), 459–460; Nelson & Dunlevy, 'Sir William's Irish lace – gifts from an Irish viscountess', *Curtis's bot. mag.* 12 (1995): 220–236.

'W. E. Gumbleton'

'Dwarf; free habit of growth; colour deep crimson scarlet', flowers erect.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down. Gumbleton was an enthusiast for *Begonia*; he had a garden near Cobh (then Queenstown) in Co. Cork (Morley & Nelson 1979).

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 72.

'Weltoniensis Rubra'

'deep red flowers ... the counterpart of the well-known and most useful Weltoniensis.'

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down.

ref: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 67.



c. 1898

Bellis

Asteraceae. Daisy.

***B. perennis* 'Ballykilbeg'**

Flowers 'full double salmon-coloured ... of free growth and a profuse bloomer'.

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down, 1880

This is listed as 'new'; 'a most distinct and welcome variety' which 'will prove an acquisition to all Spring gardens.' I have not discovered where Ballykilbeg was, but assume there was a garden there known to Thomas Smith.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 72.

c. 1880

***B. perennis* 'Mavourneen'**

'Old Irish [cultivar] quilled, reddish pink.'

Origin: unknown, but claimed as Irish – and also as Scottish. The name does suggest that it was of Irish origin.

refs: Sitwell (1939), 111; *IGPS newsl.* 34 (October 1989): 11.

c. 1880

***B. perennis* [not named]**

syn: *B. perennis* 'Variegata' [invalid]

Leaves with broad irregular margin of gold'

Origin: 'in my neighbour's lawn in the early spring of 1986'; found by Richard Sullivan, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin. At the same time he also reported a variant of *Arum maculatum*.

ref: *IGPS newsl.* 24 (April 1987): 4.

**Berberis**

Berberidaceae. Barberry.

c.1876

B. x antoniana

syn: *B. darwinii* 'Macrophylla'; *B. smithiana*

'A most distinct form with large dark green foliage.' Leaves rigid, shiny, stems densely pubescent; berries stylose; flowers very large, solitary.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

Originally sold as *Berberis darwinii* 'Macrophylla' and as *Berberis smithiana* by Hilliers. Named after Anthony Halligan, one of the employees at Daisy Hill Nursery. Revd Leslie Ahrendt devised the name and suggested *B. darwinii* x *buxifolia* as the likely cross.

Grown in the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, J. F. Kennedy Park, New Ross, and available from several British nurseries; propagate vegetatively, by cuttings.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 72.

illust: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), pl. 8.

***B. x carminea* 'Barbarossa'**

Foliage semi-evergreen; leaves about 3 times as long as broad, with 2 to 3 spines on margins; stems dark red; flowers yellow, in stalkless panicles; 7–9 mm across; fruit 7 mm diameter; egg-shaped, red (HCC 19); 'fiery red berries'.

Origin: from Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin, and was named after Aroodje –

As we sometimes see the name Barbarossa rendered "barbarosa" or "Barbarosa" in the gardening press and catalogues, perhaps it will be helpful if we state that we named *Berberis* 'Barbarossa' after Aroodje, commander of a Turkish privateer in the Mediterranean at the beginning of the 16th century. He became the terror of Christian sailors, who called him Barbarossa from the colour of his beard, which was red. The name seemed appropriate for a good new form of *Berberis aggregata* raised here, armed as it is with the strong spines of its

family, and bearing an exceptionally heavy crop of large fiery red berries each autumn.

Grown J. F. Kennedy Park, New Ross, but not readily available from nurseries; propagate vegetatively, by cuttings.

refs: *Watson's catalogue* 1940, 34; *Gard. illust.* **61** (16 December 1939): 774; *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **67** (1942): 132; *Journ. Linn. Soc. Botany* **57** (1961): 208–209.

***B. x carminea* 'Buccaneer'**

Foliage deciduous, leaves less than 4 times as long as broad, with 2 or 3 spines on margins; stems pale yellow; flowers yellow, in stalkless panicles; fruit globular, about 9 mm in diameter, partly whitish, but finally red (Geranium Lake, HCC 20); 'larger berries than any other, bright red'.

Origin: from Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin. This was raised from *B. aggregata*, and was released after 'Barbarossa': '... our latest variety, *Berberis* 'Buccaneer', with even larger fruits', than 'Barbarossa'. Grown in Castlewellan National Arboretum, and listed from several nurseries; propagate vegetatively, by cuttings.

refs: *Watson's catalogue* 1940, 34; *Gard. illust.* **61** (16 December 1939): 774; *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **67** (1942): 132; *Journ. Linn. Soc. Botany* **57** (1961): 208–209.

illust: *Gard. illust.* **61** (4 November 1939): 698.

***B. darwinii* 'Fireflame'**

Shrub (4–)5–8ft; leaves lustrous above, to 27 x 6 mm; flowers 13–18 mm in diameter, in 5–10(–15) flowered racemes, stamens truncate, ovules 3–5.

Origin: 'The *Berberis stenophylla* hybrids nearly all originated with Mr. T. Smith, Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry [including] *Darwinii* 'Fireflame'. I [i.e. Ahrendt] am indebted for the above historical [information] to Mr. W. J. Marchant ...'.

'Fireflame', judging by its date of introduction, must have been selected by G. N. Smith, but there is a substantial problem – *none* of the catalogues I have searched contains any plant by this name – 'Firefly', a cultivar of *B. darwinii*, described as having 'rich orange scarlet tinted flowers' is listed in e.g. catalogue no. **142**. Could Ahrendt have mistaken the name and substituted 'Fireflame' for 'Firefly' (a name, by the way, that Daisy Hill Nursery also used for a broom – see *Cytisus*)?

refs: Ahrendt, 'The *Berberis stenophylla* hybrids', *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **74**: 40 (1949); Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 72.

***B. darwinii* 'Firefly' – see *B. darwinii* 'Fireflame'**

B. darwinii 'Macrophylla' = ***B. x antoniana***

***B. darwinii* 'Nana'**

'very distinct variety of compact growth and small foliage'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 73.

***B. darwinii* 'Pendula'**

'a free growing form with long arching branches, which are wreathed in the most beautiful manner with hanging racemes of pure golden flowers'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 73.

***B. darwinii* 'Prostrata'**

'most branches quite prostrate with abundant racemes of rich yellow flowers tinted with coral in bud stage'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills,

Daisy Hill Nursery (1998), 73.

B. smithiana* = *B. x antoniana

***B. x stenophylla* 'Autumnalis'**

'Yellow flowers in spring and autumn'; 4 to 6 ft.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 73; *The garden* **90** (1926): 549

***B. x stenophylla* 'Brilliant'**

'Semi deciduous. The distinctive feature of this plant is the brilliant Winter effect produced by a large percentage of its leaves becoming bright scarlet. They commence to colour in Autumn and continue doing so throughout the Winter, being at their best during January and February ... [flowers] yellow'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 73.

***B. x stenophylla* 'Coccinea'**

'Of the many seedlings raised here ... having coral or reddish coloured buds, this is the most unique, for the buds are absolutely scarlet. It is of dwarf but erect growth, and the foliage is of a distinct glaucous purple hue.' 4ft.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Growing in several Irish collections, and available from a few nurseries. 1936–1937

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74.

***B. x stenophylla* 'Compacta'**

'Compact bushy habit, and when fully grown only 2 ft. high'; reaching 3 ft.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74.

***B. x stenophylla* 'Coral Star'**

'The flowers are deep coral-red and gold ... neat bushy habit.'

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down:

'Our own introduction [with] perhaps the most striking flowers of any Barberry'.

refs: *Gold medal shrubs* 40; Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 30.

***B. x stenophylla* 'Corallina'**

'Of compact growth. The striking feature of this variety is that buds are bright coral red, and though the open flowers are deep yellow, a good deal of the bud colour remains.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Growing in the J. F. Kennedy Park, New Ross.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74. before 1910

***B. x stenophylla* 'Corallina Compacta'**

'One of the most charming of the series. The original plant some fifteen years of age, is a compact bush 2½ ft. high. It has narrow foliage and is covered in spring with its flowers, which rival 'Corallina' in the brightness of their colouring.' c. 1921

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

awards: AGM

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74.

***B. x stenophylla* 'Daisy Hill Form'**

'A very floriferous form ... with dense arched branches covered with dark-green leaves and a profusion of golden-yellow c. 1914 flowers in April-May. It forms a lovely bush ... 2'-3'.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; introduced either by Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry or Hocker Edge Garden, Kent.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74; *Hocker Edge garden bulb & shrub catalogue* 1939–1940: 76.

B. x stenophylla 'Diversifolia'

'Habit compact; the leaves are of two kinds, spiny and spineless, and are usually borne on separate branches'; 'flowers are borne in such profusion as to completely cover the foliage'; 'the freest flowering of the Barberries; the dwarf bushes are simply smothered with golden blossoms.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 74.

B. x stenophylla 'Erecta'

'A very distinct shrub, with pale green spiny leaves, and is quite a small grower.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Floribunda'

'Narrow spine-like leaves, deep yellow, red-tinted flowers.' 5ft.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Glauca'

'Very distinct, with quite glaucous foliage, which gives an effective contrast to its golden yellow flowers.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Gracilis'

'Graceful arching stems, small leaves, and bears a profusion of yellow flowers both in Spring and Autumn.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Grown in Glenveagh Castle, Donegal, but not available commercially.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Gracilis Compacta'

'Quite a pigmy variety; with pale green leaves, sometimes tinted with bronze'; 'New', 'an ideal rock shrub'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Gracilis Nana'

'A miniature of ['Gracilis'], barely 1 ft. in height when fully grown. A little gem.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Listed for Dargle Cottage, Enniskerry, by Forrest (1985), but not available commercially.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Irwinii'

syn: *B. x irwinii* Byhouwer (*cit.* Ahrendt)

'Quite a dwarf and very distinct plant, the stems, bending over one another in a compact manner, when in flower it is very beautiful.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Growing in collections at Castlewellan and the J. K. Kennedy Park, and widely available from British nurseries.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 75.

B. x stenophylla 'Latifolia'

'A very handsome plant indeed; the leaves are large, handsome,

and of the deepest green; it is vigorous and of upright habit.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 76.

B. x stenophylla 'Picturata'

before 1900

Foliage variegated with white and pink; 'compact habit, young shoots bright rose young leaves more or less variegated with pink and white'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 76.

B. x stenophylla 'Reflexa'

syn: *B. irwinii reflexa*

'A most distinct thing; the habit is compact; the spine-like ends of the leaves are bent back claw-like.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. 'One of the most distinct of the Daisy Hill hybrids'.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 76.

B. x stenophylla 'Rigida'

c. 1930

No description traced.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down, but the only record appears to be Ahrendt's list of cultivars.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 76; Ahrendt, 'The Berberis stenophylla hybrids', *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* 74 (1949): 109-112

B. x stenophylla 'Semperflorens'

'Quite a new break... being practically in flowers from Spring until late Autumn. It is of dwarf and compact growth, with pale green leaves, which are tinged with bronze in the young stage; every tip terminates in a small raceme of coral buds and yellow flowers.'

before 1900

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Listed by Forrest (1985) from Mount Congreve, but not available commercially.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 76.

'Knockvale Scarlet'

Leaves semi-evergreen, entire, narrow (to six times as long as broad), with almost blunt apex; stems without hairs, dark red; flowers in panicles, each 10–12 mm in diameter; fruit egg-shaped, to 7 mm in diameter, red (HCC 19), with 5–7 ovules.

Origin: raised by Brian O. Mulligan at Knockvale, Belfast, from seeds that came from the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, Woking, Surrey. The seeds was evidently labelled *Berberis rubrostilla*.

c. 1920

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* 67 (1942): 134; *Journ. Linn. Soc. Botany* 57 (1961): 208–209.

'Pirate King'

Vigorous, erect shrub; 'the colour of the berries is very striking, being fiery orange red'.

Origin: 'raised here'; from Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

refs: *Watson's catalogue* 1940, 34.

before 1900

'Ruby'

Leaves evergreen; stems dark red, covered with very fine hairs; flowers in short panicles, yellow; fruits ruby-coloured (HCC 22/1), egg-shaped, about 6 x 5 mm, with 1–2 ovules; 'bearing in Autumn a profusion of bright reddish purple, semi-transparent berries with a plum-like bloom'

Origin: 'A distinct break, raised by us'; from Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

refs: *Watson's catalogue* 1940, 34; Ahrendt, 'An analysis of the Wisley hybrid *Berberis*', *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* 67 (1942): 134.



Bergenia
Saxifragaceae.

B. crassifolia 'Nana' – see '**Crassifolia Nana**'

B. x newryensis = **B. x smithii**

refs: *Baileya* **9** (1961): 26; *Kew bulletin* **20** (1966): 141;
Dendroflora **10** (1973): 10; *The new plantsman* **4** (1997):
102.

B. x smithii

syn: *B. x newryensis*

'The calyx is very small, smaller than in [*Bergenia*] *purpurascens* (the male parent), and spreading widely, The petals, which are of a rich carmine, spread horizontally ... the fine rosy-lilac petals ... spread like a star, as do the ten stamens'.

Origin: A hybrid, named after Thomas Smith, and raised by him before Daisy Hill Nursery was established, by crossing *B. purpurascens* and *B. cordifolia*. This originated at Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down, and presumably also introduced by Rodger, M'Clelland & Co.

The binomial *B. x smithii* was first published by Engler & Imscher in *Pflanzenreich* IV 117. II (1919), 675.

Propagate vegetatively (original clone).

Burbidge was one of the first to report Smith's hybrid, remarking that Smith told him

Of a curious result attending his hybridisation of these species [*B. cordifolia*, *B. purpurascens*] with each other. After fertilising *M. cordifolia* with pollen of *M. purpurascens*, the seed-bearing scape suddenly shot up to a height of nearly 3 feet, or about twice its usual height when unfertilised. The scapes of *M. purpurascens* also lengthened considerably after fertilisation, but not so markedly as did those of *M. cordifolia*.

refs: *Gard. chron.* **19** n.s.(1883): 538, 597; Burbidge, 'Giant rockfoils', *The garden* **36** (28 September 1889): 299–300; *IGPS newsl.* **21** (July 1986): 9; Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 77.

illust: *Gard. chron.* **19** n.s. (1883): 597 (fig. 97); Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), pl.8 & p. 77.

B. x spathulata

Flowers white

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78.

'**Athlete**'

syn: *Megasea* 'Athlete'

'Massive corrugated leaves; dwarf habit.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78.

'**Ballawley**'

syn: 'Delbees'; the nomenclature of this plant is quite confusing. The nursery itself changed the name from 'Delbees' to 'Ballawley Hybrid', but the cultivar is now generally listed simply as 'Ballawley'.

'Fine foliage of glossy green, strong dark stems bearing umbels of large fuchsia purple flowers in April and early May*'; Foliage large, leathery, dark, glossy green in Summer, handsomely tinted crimson in Winter; flowers bell-shaped, nodding, petals rich magenta.

Origin: This cultivar originated in Ballawley Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin, and also was introduced by that

nursery under the name 'Delbees'; 'An outstanding hybrid raised here'. Probably the result of a cross between *B. beesiana* and *B. delavayi* (probably *B. purpurascens*), and Yeo has suggested it may include *B. ciliata* in its parentage too.

Mrs Margery Fish provided the following commentary on the names.

It is sometimes called 'Delbees' and sometimes 'Ballawley', and now I know that when Mr Shaw-Smith ... raised the plant he talked about the name 'Delbees' as being suitable because it suggested that parentage – *delavayi* x *beesiana*. When Mr Smith gave up the nursery the Slieve Donard Nursery acquired the 1883 complete stock and though for a while they used the name 'Delbees' they changed the name to 'Ballawley Hybrid' with Mr. Smith's permission.

This account is not accurate; in Ballawley Nurseries Autumn 1952–Spring 1953 catalogue the plant is already listed as *Bergenia* Ballawley Hybrid.

awards: FCC RHSI (29 March 1944), AM RHS (1955).

refs: *Ballawley Nurseries catalogue* Autumn 1952–Spring 1953: 6*; RHSI cuttings book; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* **18** (1971): 100; *Kew bulletin* **20** (1966): 127; *Dendroflora* **10** (1973): 9–10; *The garden* **102** (1983): 482; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden* (1984), 137, 159; —, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 209–210; Walsh & Nelson, *An Irish florilegium II* (1988), 170–171; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 209–210; M. Fish, *Gardening in the shade* (1972), 114–115.

illusts: *An Irish florilegium II* (1988), plate 39; *The garden* **102** (1983): 482.

'**Ballawley Guardsman**'

syn: I suspect, but have only circumstantial evidence for this suggestion, that this is a synonym for 'Ballawley'.

No description traced.

Origin: I have to assume that the application of this name arises due to a mistake, because the cultivar name 'Ballawley Guardsman' was given by the nursery to a mossy saxifrage, not to a *Bergenia*. There was no *Bergenia* cultivar so named in any of the catalogues I have traced. Remarkably a plant of bearing this name is in the national collection of *Bergenia*, held by Chris Hallsworth.

refs: Trehane (1989), 116; C. Hallsworth (*in litt.* 7 February 1998).

c. 1900

Ballawley Hybrids

'Smaller, pinker flowers over good ground-covering foliage, 15 inches tall*'

Origin: This name (with and without inverted commas) is used in the trade for seedlings raised from *Bergenia* 'Ballawley'. Such plants should not be dignified with any name, as they will invariably differ substantially from the original clone. Unfortunately the name is cited in various works including Trehane (1989) and *The RHS plant finder*.

refs: Wickenden *A catalogue of herbaceous perennials...* Spring 1985: 4*; *The RHS plant finder* 1995–1996, 13, 87.

'**Brilliant**'

c. 1940

syn: *Megasea* 'Brilliant'. **NB** the cultivar name has been re-used by Yeo.

'Very large leaves, richly tinted in Autumn and Winter, flowers purple'; 'leaves large, richly tinted in autumn and winter; flowers purple, calyces and pedicels crimson.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78; (Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* **18** (1971): 101–102).

'**Campana**'

syn: *Megasea* 'Campana'

'Neat dwarf crowded foliage. Scape 1½ ft., with bell-shaped head of rosy lilac flowers'; 'very neat dwarf crowded foliage; scape 1½ feet, with bell-shaped sheaf of rosy lilac flowers'; 'a late-blooming, close-growing kind'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78.

'Cascade'

Flowers orchid-purple (RHS CC 31/1) to petunia-purple (RHS CC 32/2), leaves sub-orbicular to oval, 10–12cm long, 7–9cm broad (Yeo 1962).

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. The original (type) clone of *B. x newryensis*. This name was published by Yeo (1962) because 'It now seems unlikely that it can be identified with one of Smith's cultivars ...'.

refs: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78; *Baileya* 10 (1962): 111; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 102–103.

'Compacta'

syn: *Megasea* 'Compacta'

'Leaves nearly round, dull green, growing close to the ground, flowers rose'; 'Crowded orbicular leaves, growing close to the ground; flowers rosy; smallest of all.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 78.

'Coralie'

syn: *Megasea* 'Coralie'

'Large handsomely coloured leaves, flowers rich purple on bright red foot stalks'; 'Colouring of both leaves and flower similar to ['Brilliant'] but with quite a different habit.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79.

'Corrugata'

syn: *Megasea* 'Corrugata'

'Dwarf habit; large rough leaves; flowers pink.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79.

'Crassifolia Nana'

syn: *Megasea crassifolia nana*

'A very hard kind, with medium-sized oblong leaves richly tinted during Autumn and Winter months'; 'a miniature of the old crassifolia; leaves assume a warm ruddy colour early in autumn and retain it until spring.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. I have listed this (Nelson 1997) as 'Crassifolia Nana', because it is not clear whether this is a selection of pure *B. crassifolia* or of a hybrid involving *B. crassifolia*. I suspect that the latter was this case.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79.

'Croesus'

syn: *Megasea* 'Croesus'

'Crowded foliage, richly coloured in Autumn; quite a miniature'; 'habit very dwarf; flowers light rose on a foot-long scape.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. This cultivar (unlike other Daisy Hill ones) is supposed still to be in cultivation, and sometimes is listed by nurseries. Yeo (1971) reported that while he had seen a plant in 1962 at the RHS Garden, Wisley, under this name, it could not be traced in 1970.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in

the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 103.

'Delbees' = 'Ballawley'

'Delia'

syn: *Megasea* 'Delia'

'Shining orbicular leaves, slightly bronzed in winter.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79. [1962]

'Delicata'

'pretty pale pink flowers'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down, but not listed in any catalogue I have seen.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79; *Flora & sylvia* 3: 248 (1905).

'Distinction'

syn: *Megasea* 'Distinction'

'Dwarf habit, with very large head of pale pink flowers'; 'dwarf crowded habit, with enormous heads of pale pink flowers': 1890

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Still in cultivation, and occasionally available from nurseries.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 79–80; *The garden* 102 (1983): 482; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 103–104.

'Giant'

syn: *Megasea* 'Giant'

c. 1890

'Immense leaves, richly bronzed, flowers purple; early';

'enormous corrugated leaves, uniform rich bronze; flowers purple; early'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 80.

'Gigantea'

syn: *Megasea* 'Gigantea'

c. 1885

'Very large leaves and tall spike of rosy flowers.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 102; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81.

'Helen's Bay'

syn: the correct name for this plant is *Bergenia x spathulata* 1890 'Gambol'.

'A superb dwarf ... spikes of pure white flowers amongst healthy, deep green leaves, 8 inches'

Origin: this *Bergenia* came from an unnamed garden at Helen's Bay, Co. Down. It was given the 'provisional' name 'Helen's Bay', and was thus introduced by M. Wickenden, Kircubben, Co. Down, but the name was superfluous.

refs: C. Hallsforth (*in litt.* 7 February 1998); Wickenden *A catalogue of herbaceous perennials...* Spring 1985: 4.

'Hybrida Nana'

syn: 'Nana'

'Miniature form of ['Gigantea'], rather lighter coloured flowers'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. c. 1890

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 80.

'Hybrida Splendens'

syn: *Megasea* 'Hybrida Splendens'

'Dwarf, free habit, with tall scape of bright rosy crimson flowers.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'one of the finest of the group'.

refs: Burbidge, 'Giant rockfoils', *The garden* 36 (28 September 1889): 299; Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103;

Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 80.

'Hybrida Superba'

Although I listed this as a Daisy Hill cultivar, I do not consider that it is one. (*The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103)

'Iris'

syn: *Megasea* 'Iris'

'Crowded compact habit, leaves small, edged and blotched with bright red.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 80.

'Magnet'

syn: *Megasea* 'Magnet'

'Large handsome leaves, flowers rose-coloured and well formed.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 80.

'Magog'

syn: *Megasea* 'Magog'

'Large cordifolia-like leaves, lightly tinted in Autumn; large rose flowers; extra fine'; 'leaves tinted reddish bronze in Autumn; flowers rose.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81.

'Memnon'

syn: *Megasea* 'Memnon'

'Large corrugated leaves, rich purple in late Autumn and Winter; flowers purple; early'; 'large handsomely shaped leaves, purplish in winter; flowers purple.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81.

'Nana' – see 'Hybrida Nana'

Previously listed separately but I believe this is 'Hybrida Nana'. Burbidge listed it as 'a miniature of hybrida splendens.'

ref: Burbidge, 'Giant rockfoils', *The garden* 36 (28 September 1889): 300.

'Pigmy'

'The smallest of all'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81.

['Profusion'

Several sources (e.g. Beckett 1983) claim that this cultivar originated in, and was introduced by Daisy Hill Nursery, but I have not traced it in any catalogue, and it is not e.g. in the list published in *Flora & sylvia* 3: 248–249 (1905). Yeo (1971) does not indicate any connection with Daisy Hill Nursery, and I consider the attribution is an error.

Both Trehane (1989), and Stuart & Sutherland (1989) give 1880 as the date of origin which, if it was raised by Smith, means he produced it when working at Rodger, M'Clelland & Co.

refs: Beckett, '*Bergenia*', *The garden* 102 (1983): 482; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 107.]

'Progress'

syn: *Megasea* 'Progress'

'A free-growing plant with tall scapes of rosy purple bell-shaped blossoms, which are 1¼ inch across'; 'leaves green, close,

compact habit; flowers rosy, 1¼ inches in diameter; largest flowered of all yet seen.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Perhaps not still in cultivation (see Yeo 1971).

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 107–108. c. 1890

'Puck'

'Smooth, light green leaves; very dwarf; flowers rosy.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 81.

'Sturdy'

c. 1897

syn: *Megasea* 'Sturdy'

'Compact habit with short stout scape of rose-coloured flowers'; 'crowded mass of rather large, crumpled, dull green leaves, with large truss of rose-coloured flowers on 9 inch scape.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 103; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 82.

c. 1890

'Sunshade'

'Very heavy spreading flower-heads.'

Origin: possibly from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

Listed by 'B*', but not in any catalogues from Daisy Hill Nursery that I have seen, so it may not be one of Tom Smith's plants. Yeo (1971) stated that this 'was apparently first introduced into commerce by Barr & Sons, Covent Garden, London, in 1902.'

refs: *Flora & sylvia* 3 (1905): 249*; Yeo, 'Cultivars of *Bergenia* in the British Isles', *Baileya* 18 (1971): 111; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 82.



Betula

Betulaceae. Birch

B. jacquemontii = *B. utilis*

***B. utilis* 'Trinity College'**

syn: *B. jacquemontii*, *B. utilis* var. *bjhopattra*

Bark on main trunk and major branches pure white.

Origin: from Trinity College Botanic Gardens, Ballsbridge, Co. Dublin; introduced by F. W. Burbidge, who reported to the RHS Scientific Committee in 1901, as follow – c. 1897

We have three trees, the largest 20 feet high, and we value them very highly, not only for their silver-stemmed beauty, especially during winter, but especially because they were born and raised here from seed which Sir J. D. Hooker, K.C.S.I., sent to the Gardens eighteen years ago [i.e. 1883].

There are trees in the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, and Trinity College Botanic Garden, but this cultivar is not currently (1998) listed as being commercially available. Propagation vegetative only, by grafting or cuttings.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* 26 (1901–1902): xxxviii–xxxix; Elwes & Henry, *Trees of GB & Ireland* III (1909), 983; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden* (1984), 58–59; —, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 61–62; *Ir. garden* 1 (2) (April–May 1992): 13; Connolly & Dillon, *In an Irish garden* (1986), 89.

'White Light'

'An upright tree with peeling [white] bark like that of [*B. c.* 1885 *costata*]. Unlike [*B. utilis* var. *jacquemontii*] which is not noted for autumn colour ... possess good autumn shades in yellow/orange.'

Origin: a seedling raised in 1985 by John Buckley, Buckley's Nursery, Birdhill, Co. Tipperary. This is a hybrid between *B. utilis* var. *jacquemontii* and *B. costata*. It was introduced commercially, in limited numbers, in 1996 and is protected by plant breeder's rights.

refs: *Ir. garden* 5 (2) (March–April 1996): 57.

illustr: *Ir. garden* 5 (2) (March–April 1996): 57.



Blechnum

Blechnaceae. Hard-ferns.

See sub-section **Ferns**



Botrychium

Ophioglossaceae. Moonworts.

See sub-section **Ferns**



Brassica

Brassicaceae. Cabbages.

***B. oleracea* Gemmifera Group**

The Brussels sprout is the only vegetable, apart from potatoes and onions, that has been the subject of breeding and selection in Ireland as far as I can discover. The following cultivars were raised at the Albert Agricultural College, under the supervision of Professor G. O. Sherrard. He started his work in 1924.

'Billiard Ball'

'A first rate market sprout ... smooth, firm, nicely packed on the stem and a good cropper.

Origin: This was the result of crossing using 'Précoce de Fontenay', a self-fertile French cultivar; Sherrard named this after 20 years patient work.

ref: Sherrard, 'The breeding of Brussels sprouts at the Albert College', *Scient. hort.* 11 (1955): 124–127; 'Professor George Ormsby Sherrard', *Yb. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1960: 5; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 233.

illustr: *Scient. hort.* 11 (1955): figs 26 & 27.

'Glacier'

syn: 'Irish Glacier'

No published description traced; 'A dwarf with fairly large sprouts very close together, hence its main defect, very difficult to pick'.

Origin: like 'Billiard Ball' raised by G. O. Sherrard, the result of crossing using 'Précoce de Fontenay'. Selected by Sherrard as a short plant with a good yield, to get over the problem of topple, but the sprouts were too close together.

refs: Maria Prendiville (*in litt.* 27 February 1998); 'Professor George Ormsby Sherrard', *Yb. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1960: 5; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 233.

'Glasnevin Supreme'

No description traced.

Origin: like 'Billiard Ball' raised by G. O. Sherrard, the result of crossing using 'Précoce de Fontenay'.

ref: 'Professor George Ormsby Sherrard', *Yb. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1960: 5; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 233.

'Grey Lady'

Sprouts with a distinctive grey waxy 'bloom'.

Origin: like 'Billiard Ball' raised by G. O. Sherrard, the result of crossing using 'Précoce de Fontenay'.

ref: 'Professor George Ormsby Sherrard', *Yb. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1960: 5; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted*

(1997), 233; Sherrard, 'The breeding of Brussels sprouts at the Albert College', *Scient. hort.* 11 (1955): 124–129.

'Irish Elegance'

No published description traced; 'tall and strong with very smooth tight spouts well spaced along the stem, good quality and high yield'.

Origin: like 'Billiard Ball' raised by G. O. Sherrard, the result of crossing using 'Précoce de Fontenay'. Capable of producing nearly 6 tons of sprouts per acre, and 50% more of the sprouts were of Grade 1 quality. However, this cultivar was not consistent, and not a true-breeding line.

refs: Maria Prendiville (*in litt.* 27 February 1998); 'Professor George Ormsby Sherrard', *Yb. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1960: 5; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 233.



Brownea

Fabaceae.

B. x crawfordii

Tree with large pinnate leaves 'about 2 feet long, with from 6–10 pairs of pinnae, the largest of which are a foot long and 3 inches wide ... In the size, colour, and form of the flowers ... there is little to distinguish [the hybrid] from *B. macrophylla* ... the flower-clusters are as large as a child's head, as many as seventy flowers being counted in one cluster. Each flower is 3 inches long, about an inch wide at the mouth, and coloured a rich rosy-red.'

Origin: a hybrid between *B. grandiceps* and *B. macrophylla*, raised at Lakelands, Cork, under William Horatio Crawford's directions. The original plant, Crawford's original clone, is now in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and is the sole representative known of this garden hybrid. It was presented to Kew after Crawford's death in 1888; a sister plant went to Glasnevin, but it has not survived. The genus *Brownea* commemorates Dr Patrick Browne (c. 1720–1790) a native of Co. Mayo, whose principal work was *The civil and natural history of Jamaica*, published in London during 1756. He also compiled an Irish flora.

refs: *Gard. chron.* 9 (ser. 3) (28 March 1891): 398; *The garden* 37 (12 April 1890): 355; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden* (1984), 191; —, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 253; Walsh & Nelson, *An Irish florilegium II* (1988), 198–199; Minter, *The greatest glasshouse* (1990), 108.

illustr: *An Irish florilegium II* (1988), plate 46 (reprinted as frontispiece in Nelson & Walsh, *The flowers of Mayo* (1995)); Minter, *The greatest glasshouse* (1990), 15.

B. x lakelandsensis

'If the other hybrid which has not yet bloomed, proves to be distinct and worth naming when it flowers, I would suggest *B. lakelandsensis* as an appropriate name for it, Lakelands having been the name of the garden where it was raised.'

Origin: the second *Brownea* hybrid, a seedling from *B. coccinea* x *B. latifolia*, mentioned as having not bloomed (see above), was not named.

ref: Gumbleton, '*Brownea crawfordii*', *Gard. chron.* 9 (ser. 3) (28 March 1891): 398, (4 April 1891): 439.



Brunnera

Boraginaceae.

***B. macrophylla* 'Ballyrogan Gold'**

Leaves bright gold with a central green flash when young, turning green later. Flowers blue.

Origin: from Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nursery, Newtownards, Co. Down.

ref: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 26 May 1998).



Buddleja

Buddlejaceae. Butterfly bush.

***B. colvilei* 'Howth Variety'**

Flowers 'richer than type', deep wine, larger than type.

Origin: from Howth Castle, Howth, Co. Dublin; marketed (perhaps introduced) by Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

This species first bloomed in W. E. Gumbleton's garden, Belgrove, Cobh, Co. Cork, whence it was figured in *Curtis's botanical magazine* (1895, plate 7449), and *The garden* (10 June 1893, pl. 913).

refs: *An Irish florilegium II* (1988), 86; *Watson's catalogue* 1940, 39.

***B. colvilei* 'Rowallane'**

syn: *B. colvilei* 'Rowallane Form'

'Large rosy-red flowers'

Origin: from Rowallane, Saintfield, Co. Down, and sold by Watson's Nursery of Killiney, Dublin, in the late 1940s.

refs: *Watson's catalogue* 1947

***B. davidii* 'Glasnevin Hybrid'**

syn: *B. davidii* 'Glasnevin Blue', 'Glasnevin'. The correct name is 'Glasnevin Hybrid'; shortening the name to 'Glasnevin' is contrary to the rules of nomenclature. 'Glasnevin Blue' is a later name.

Tall shrub, leaves grey-green; flowers 'rich light blue without any suggestion of purple'.

Origin: a mysterious plant that must have originated in National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, but when it was distributed is not known. I do not know of any Irish nursery, apart from the Slieve Donard Nursery, that listed 'Glasnevin Hybrid' in the 1950s, and it was still being sold by that firm in the 1970s. It must therefore be assumed that this cultivar was introduced commercially by the Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down.

Available commercially; propagate vegetatively, by cuttings.

refs: *Slieve Donard Nursery catalogue* 1952–1953; Nelson & Deane, *Glory of Donard* (1994), 30–31; *The RHS plant finder 1995–1996*, 95; *Ir. garden* 4 (3) (May/June 1995): [26–27]; *IGPS newsl.* 18 (October 1985): 4; Lloyd, *The adventurous gardener* (1983), 87; *The garden* 122 (1997): 598–601.

***B. davidii* 'Killiney Variety'**

A dark blossomed selection

Origin: selected by Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

ref: *Watson's catalogue* 1927.

B. lindleyana* var. *sinuatodentata

Leaves with wavy-toothed margins, more acutely pointed.

Origin: from China; there was (according to Bean) 'an old plant for Wilson's seed ... outdoors' at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, 'for more than half a century'.

refs: Bean, *Trees & shrubs I* (1976): 456.



Bulbophyllum

Orchidaceae.

B. dixonii = *B. morphologorum*

***B. morphologorum* 'Glasnevin'**

syn: *Bulbophyllum dixonii*

Epiphytic, tropical orchid; pseudobulbs egg-shaped, 4-angled, flowers minute, lip bright yellow with dark purple markings.

Origin: when shown at the London Orchid Show in March

1997, a plant of this orchid gained a certificate of cultural commendation, and the particular clone exhibited was named 'Glasnevin'.

The same plant is figured in *Curtis's botanical magazine*, from material that came via the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.

A plant of this, collected by Dr A F. G. Kerr in Chengmai, Thailand, and then grown in Trinity College Botanic Gardens, Ballsbridge, was the type for *B. dixonii* which honours Professor H. Dixon of Trinity College, Dublin.

award: CCC RHS March 1997.

refs: *Orchid portraits. Botanical watercolour by Susan Sex* (1997), [3]; *IGPS newsl.* 64 (April 1997): 1–2; *Orchid rev.* 105 (1997): 202; *Curtis's bot. mag.* tab. 9033; *Bull misc. inf. Kew* 1908: 112 [*B. dixonii*].

illusts: *Orchid portraits. Botanical watercolour by Susan Sex* (1997), [3]; *Orchid rev.* 105 (1997): 197; *Curtis's bot. mag.* tab. 9033.

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