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Daboecia

Ericaceae. St Dabeoc's heath.

The name *Daboecia* has a complicated history; see e.g. *Gard. illust.* **53** (1931): 113, 164.

The earliest record of Saint Dabeoc's heath in cultivation dates from 1763. Peter Collinson, a Quaker businessman and keen botanist, received seeds from Spain through the good offices of William Bowles, a native of Cork who lived most of his life in Spain and who wrote a natural history of that kingdom. The seeds germinated in 1764 and Saint Dabeoc's heath flowered the following year. Collinson lived near Hendon in Middlesex, England. (see O'Neill & Nelson, 'The introduction of St Dabeoc's heath into English gardens, 1763', *Yb. Heather Soc.* 1995: 27-32).

D. cantabrica f. alba

syn: *Menziesia polifolia alba*, *M. polifolia flore-albo*
Flowers white.

Origin: white flowered plants of St Dabeoc's heath have been recorded from Ireland since early 1820s ('about fifteen years ago' – *vide* Mackay 1836), yet the earliest record appears to be a specimen, now in the University of Oxford herbarium, dated 1813, and there are records of it in cultivation as far away as Warsaw, Poland, in 1832. As a variety the name *alba* was first used in Sweet's *The British flower garden* (1835).

refs: Sweet, *The British flower garden* **3** (ser. 2), tab. 276 (1835); Mackay, *Flora Hibernica* (1836), 180; *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366; *Ir. nat. journ.* **20**: 366 (1982); *The plantsman* **6** (1984): 181-191.

illusts: Sweet, *The British flower garden* **3** (ser. 2), tab. 276 (1835); *The garden* **22** (30 September 1882): 302; Walsh *et al.*, *An Irish florilegium* (1983), plate 17.

D. cantabrica 'Alba Lutescens'

syn: *Menziesia polifolia 'Alba Lutescens'*
Not described; flowers white.

Origin: perhaps introduced by Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Listed as 'New' in catalogue no. **54**, and plants cost one shilling and sixpence each.

This name does not appear in current catalogues; the cultivar may be extinct.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* **4** (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 92.

D. cantabrica 'Atra'

syn: *Erica daboeci atra*
Flowers dark P.P.R. 6 (see Sinclair 1825).

Origin: by 1825 this was in cultivation; its origin is not known but it may have been from Ireland.

ref: Sinclair, *Hortus Ericaew Woburnensis* (1825), 7.

D. cantabrica 'Atropurpurea'

syn: *Menziesia polifolia atro-purpurea*
'Fine, deep crimson purple flowers'; 'deeper coloured than the type'.

Origin: This name was apparently used in gardens as early as the 1830s, and was certainly published in 1868 (see *Paxton's botanical dictionary* 1868). Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, offered this for sale in catalogue no. **61** (1904). Plants so named are still offered for sale, but whether they represent the original clone is impossible to determine.

award: AGM.

refs: *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366; *The garden* **22** (30 September 1882): 302.

D. cantabrica 'Bicolor'

syn: 'Striata'
Flowers purple, white or parti-coloured, sometimes all on the

same shoot; 'with flowers both white and purple'.

Origin: One source (D. C. McClintock, *in litt.* 19 August 1981) stated it was of Scottish origin. Could it be Irish? No history had been traced. Still widely available.

award: AGM.

refs: *The garden* **2** (16 November 1872): 426 [without a cultivar name]; — **22** (30 September 1882): 302.

D. cantabrica 'Celtic Flame'

Flowers heliotrope; leaves small, dark green, habit spreading.

Origin: from David McLaughlin, Omagh, Co. Tyrone; privately circulated in the mid-1990s, having been collected in Connemara.

On a visit to Errislannan [Co. Galway] in September 1990 and near to the site of 'Celtic Star' I found *Daboecia cantabrica* 'Celtic Flame' which has a bright magenta (heliotrope) corolla.

refs: *Yb. Heather Soc* (1998): 73; — (1999) [in press].

c.1820

D. cantabrica 'Celtic Snow'

Flowers white; stems prostrate; plant less than 10cm tall, spreading to 45cm across in 4 years.

Origin: found by David McLaughlin on the Sky Road near Clifden in Connemara; introduced by David McLaughlin, and registered in 1998.

refs: *Yb. Heather Soc* (1998): 72-73 [name only]; — (1999) [in press].

illust: *Yb. Heather Soc* (1998) [in press].

D. cantabrica 'Celtic Star'

Flowers with fleshy, petaloid calyx; sepals are red or pink, c. 0.8cm long, c. 1.5cm long.

Origin: found by Mr and Mrs David McLaughlin on the Errislannan Peninsula in Connemara, on a rocky knoll beside Lough Usk, in 1986; introduced by David McLaughlin, and registered in 1989. The original plant was still growing in the wild in 1989.

c. 1902

My first and best find was in 1986 when I discovered *Daboecia cantabrica* 'Celtic Star' on the Errislannan Peninsula. It is characterised by a strange bright red calyx against a pale lavender bell (see illustration on cover of *Yearbook 1994*, and also p. 14). Unfortunately the original plant did not survive a subsequent gorse fire.

refs: *Moorea* **8** (1990): 42-43; *Yb. Heather Soc* **3** (8) (1990): 62; — (1999) [in press].

illusts: *Yb. Heather Soc.* (1994): cover; *IGPS newsl.* **44** (1992) **275**; *Moorea* **8** (1990): 43.

D. cantabrica 'Charles Nelson'

Flowers are double although occasionally the first flush comprises single, normal blossoms. Unlike other cultivars the corolla is not deciduous.

Origin: from a bohreen near Carna, Connemara, Co. c. 1830 Galway; found, propagated and introduced by Dr E. Charles Nelson.

A single shrub growing beside a bohreen near Carna was spotted and cuttings taken – the original plant still (1995) grows in the wild, and the cultivar is available commercially.

refs: *Yb. Heather Soc.* **2** (11) (1982): 32-33; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden* (1984), 108; — *A flower garden replanted* (1997), 119-121; *Ir. garden* **2** (6) (November-December 1993): 13.

illusts: *Yb. Heather Soc.* (1994): 24; Nelson, *A flower garden replanted* (1997), plate 8; *Ir. garden* **2** (6) (November-December 1993): 13.

c. 1870

D. cantabrica 'Cleggan'

Foliage lime green; flowers purple, with darker buds.

Origin: found by Mis Maura Scannell at Coorhoor Lough, south of, and near Cleggan, Connemara, in 1975, and grown for many years at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. Registered in 1991. Still available.

refs: Underhill, *Heaths & heathers* (1990, 2nd ed.), 191; *Yb Heather Soc.* 3 (9) (1991): 41 [name only]; — 3 (10) (1992): 68.

***D. cantabrica* 'Clifden'**

syn: ? *D. cantabrica* 'Clifton'

Foliage dark green; flowers crimson; spreading habit.

Origin: from Clifden Bay, Connemara; collected in September 1986, and registered in 1990 by David McLaughlin, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.

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refs: *Yb. Heather Soc.* 3 (9) (1991): 39; — (1998): 74; — (1999) [in press].

***D. cantabrica* 'Coccinea'**

syn: *Menziesia polifolia* 'Coccinea'

'Intense ruby crimson'; 'Smaller growth, ruddy foliage, ruby-crimson flowers'.

Origin: A. T. Johnson wrote that 'The late G. N. Smith of Daisy Hill, [Newry], who had a discerning eye for a good plant, introduced us to this variety'. It is tagged as 'new' in a wholesale catalogue dated 1933.

In the 1830s a form of St Dabeoc's heath, also named 'Coccinea' was in cultivation, but there is no guarantee that the Daisy Hill plant was the same clone.

This name does not appear in current catalogues; the cultivar may be extinct.

refs: *Gard. illust.* 61 (29 July 1939): 482; Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 92.

***D. cantabrica* 'Donard Pink' = *D. cantabrica* 'Pink'**

refs: Yates, *Pocket guide to heather gardening* (1973): 15; — (1978): 19; Nelson & Deane, *Glory of Donard* (1993), 43.

***D. cantabrica* 'Doris Findlater'**

Flowers held erect, not nodding (*D. cantabrica* f. *blumii*); corolla ruby-red.

Origin: a chance gathering on the 'Bog Road' near Roundstone, Connemara, Co. Galway, of *D. cantabrica* by the Misses Findlater yielded a plant with erect flowers. I spotted it growing in the Findlater garden at Glenageary, Co. Dublin.

Introduced by Miss Sheila Findlater; named by Dr E. Charles Nelson, and registered in 1985. Not in current commercial lists but still in cultivation.

refs: *Moorea* 5 (1985): 20; *Yb. Heather Soc.* 3 (4) (1986): 45.

***D. cantabrica* 'Globosa'**

syn: *Menziesia polifolia* 'Globosa'

'Pale rosy purple, perfectly globe-shaped flowers'.

Origin: perhaps introduced by Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. A plant in the trade today as 'Globosa Pink' may be similar. Daisy Hill Nursery sold both 'Globosa' and 'Alba Globosa'.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 92-93.

***D. cantabrica* 'Latifolia'**

syn: *Menziesia polifolia latifolia*

Flowers purple, July; to 2ft tall; leaves presumably broad

Origin: unknown; in cultivation by 1866 when it was listed in *Paxton's botanical dictionary*, and perhaps a confused name.

ref: *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366.

***D. cantabrica* 'Longifolia'**

syn: *Menziesia polifolia longifolia*.

Flowers purple, leaves long.

Origin: unknown; in cultivation by 1830 when it was listed in Loudon's *Hortus Britannicus*.

refs: Loudon's *Hortus Britannicus* (1830); *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366.

***D. cantabrica* 'Nana'**

syn: *Erica dabeoci nana*, *Menziesia polifolia nana*.

'dwarf, flower colour P.P.R. 5, in bud P.P.R. 6 (see Sinclair 1825).

Origin: unknown; perhaps of Irish origin. Introduced before 1825.

refs: Sinclair, *Hortus Ericaew Woburnensis* (1825), 7; *The garden* 22 (30 September 1882): 302; *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366.

***D. cantabrica* 'Pallida'**

syn: *Erica dabeoci pallida*, *Menziesia polifolia pallida*.

flowers 'lighter coloured' P.P.R. 5 (see Sinclair 1825); flowers purple; plant to 1½ft tall. (Paxton 1866).

Origin: unknown; perhaps of Irish origin. Introduced before 1825. Paxton (1866) stated that this was of British origin. before 1933

refs: Sinclair, *Hortus Ericaew Woburnensis* (1825), 7; *Paxton's botanical dictionary* (1868), 366.

***D. cantabrica* 'Pink'**

syn: *D. cantabrica* 'Donard Pink'; *D. polifolia* pink form

'pale pink flowers... sometimes reverts to give bicolor forms'; 'flowers very pale flesh, and the bracts deep red.'

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

This seems to be a propagation from 'Bicolor' stabilising the intermediate shoots with pinkish corollas and red calyx.

Still in cultivation.

A change in the rules of nomenclature means that the cultivar name 'Pink' is acceptable, and it is not necessary to replace it with 'Donard Pink'.

refs: (Yates, *Pocket guide to heather gardening* (1973): 15); Nelson & Deane, *Glory of Donard* (1993), 43; *Yb. Heather Soc.* 2 (2) (1973): 44.

***D. cantabrica* 'Praegerae'**

No description traced.

Origin: according to the draft international register of heathers, a plant with this name was cultivated at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, in 1963; its history is not known.

This name does not appear in current catalogues; the cultivar (if it existed) may be extinct.

ref: Draft international register of heathers.

***D. cantabrica* 'Praegerae'**

syn: *D. cantabrica* var. *praegerae*; *D. cantabrica* 'Dr. Praeger'; 'Prolegerae'

'New, rich deep pink'; 'Exceptionally fine form with large bells of deep crimson-rose, dark green foliage and sturdy habit'.

Origin: discovered by Mrs R. L. (Hedi) Praeger in 1938, 1912 Connemara, Co. Galway:

This [was] confirmed by Lady Phyllis [sic] Moore, who had the story from the late Mrs Teacher, who was driving Dr and Mrs Praeger in Connemara on the day of the discovery. Unfortunately Lady Moore was not told of the precise locality... (Stelfox & Wood 1960).

Additional information was provided by David Stelfox 1983

The Praegers were particular friends of mine and I will remember Mrs. Praeger finding her "variant" of *cantabrica* near Urrisbeg [sic. = Errisbeg] Mountain by Roundstone, Connemara, She was not a gardener but had an eye for good plant and was very excited having

found this variant. I remember her saying that she hoped that when the plant was eventually in commerce it would be associated with her. I was given one of the first plants. (David Shackleton, quoted by McClintock 1971)

This red-bloomed cultivar was originally propagated at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, and thence distributed to nurseries. Ballawley Alpine Nursery was perhaps the first to market it towards the end of 1945. Daisy Hill Nursery received plants (as *D. cantabrica* 'Dr. Praeger') in Autumn 1945. The Slieve Donard Nursery also received the plant from 'the late Dr Praeger "about the end of the last war", or say, 1944-46 ...' (Stelfox & Wood 1960). Still widely cultivated, although no longer a unique colour in *Daboecia*.

refs: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue* 1945-1946, 11; Stelfox & Wood, 'What is the origin of the heath *Daboecia cantabrica* var. *praegerae*?', *Ir. nat. journ.* **13** (1960): 121-122; McClintock, '*Daboecia cantabrica* "Praegerae"', *Ir. nat. journ.* **17** (1971): 24; Walsh, Ross & Nelson, *An Irish florilegium* (1983), 98-99; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 43; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 42, 44; *Moorea* **10** (1993): 35-40; Nelson & Walsh, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 118.

illustr: Walsh et al., *An Irish florilegium* (1983), plate 17.

D. cantabrica 'Rubra'

syn: *Menziesia polifolia* rubra

Deep purple flowers, foliage dark green.

Origin: This name was apparently first published in Rodger, M'Clelland & Co's *General catalogue*, without a description. Perhaps it was introduced from this Newry nursery. Plants cost sixpence or one shilling each. Plants with this name are still offered for sale.

refs: *General catalogue ... Rodger, M'Clelland & Co.*: 50 [c. 1882]; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 93.

D. cantabrica 'Tully'

No description traced.

Origin: collected near Tully, Co. Galway, by someone associated with Pennell & Sons, Lincoln; introduced by Pennell & Son. This cultivar does not appear in current catalogues and may be extinct.

ref: Yates (1978), 33 [name only].



Dacrydium

Podocarpaceae.

D. franklinii 'Pendulum'

An error, and an invalid name.

Origin: This is a name attached to a photograph in D. M. van Geldern & J. R. P. van Hoey-Smith, *Conifers. The illustrated encyclopaedia* (1996, p. 243), which shows the well-known tree of *Dacrydium cupressinum* planted on Innacullin, Glengarriff, Co. Cork. The caption is confusing as it reads 'A famous specimen in the garden of Garinish Island, Ireland.'

Although the name has been taken up and published in several other works it should be abandoned.

ref: Welch & Haddow, *The world checklist of conifers* (1993).



Dactylorhiza

Orchidaceae. Marsh orchids.

D. elata 'Glasnevin'

syn: *Orchis elata* 'Glasnevin Variety'; *D. majalis* 'Glasnevin' is presumably a synonym.

Tall, erect orchid, reaching 1m in height; leaves green, plain and not spotted; flowers in spike to 20cm long, rich magenta.

Origin: a mysterious plant long known because it was cultivated in the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. Its history is given by Nelson (1989).

The plant has been identified as *D. elata* by the orchid authorities at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (see Nelson 1989); there is no justification for placing it in *D. majalis*. This plant should not be confused with the variant of *Orchis mascula* found at Sandyford by David Moore (see relevant entry under *Orchis*).

awards: AM 1895; AM 1930.

refs: Nelson, *An Irish flower garden* (1984), 154-156; —, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 201-202; —, *Piper's flowers* (1989), 6.; *Ir. garden* **2** (5) (September-October 1993): 17; *The garden* **122** (1997): 598-601.

illustr: *Piper's flowers*, tab. 6; *Ir. garden* **2** (5)

(September-October 1993): 17; *The garden* **122** (1997): 600.

D. majalis 'Glasnevin' – see *D. elata* 'Glasnevin'



Dahlia

Asteraceae.

'Anne Branigan'

c. 1881

Medium-sized flowers, semi-cactus, salmon-pink and yellow blends.

Origin: raised by Alick Branigan of Summerhill, Co. Meath, a seedling from 'Richard Marc', and named after his wife. This cultivar is extinct, having been lost during winter of 1978-1979.

award: Best 3 blooms, Sutton Show, Dublin (9 September 1978)

ref: Clements, 'A new raiser in Ireland', *Dahlia annual* (1979): 63.

1972

'Big Jim' = 'Jim Branigan'

'Eastwood Glory'

Flowers 'brilliant cerise pink, "peony-flowered", a bedding dahlia'

Origin: from Eastwood Nurseries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ref: *Eastwood Nurseries catalogue* 1954.

'Eastwood Harmony'

Flowers lilac, purple variegated; a small decorative (5d) dahlia.

Origin: from Eastwood Nurseries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ref: *Dahlia register* (registered 1952) (Dr A Leslie, *in litt.* 16 February 1998).

note: 'Eastwood Moonlight', 'Eastwood Pinky' and 'Eastwood Star' were not raised in Ireland, but in England by Mr J. A. Sharp, Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex (D. Brown *in litt.* 11 February 1998; Dr A Leslie, *in litt.* 16 February 1998).

'Haida'

Flowers 'large primrose yellow with good stems'.

Origin: 'our own raising', from Eastwood Nurseries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ref: *Eastwood Nurseries catalogue* [c. 1952]: 10.

'Jim Branigan'

syn: 'Big Jim'

Flowers 'large semi-cactus', red; 'a classy' flower of full size and held on excellent stems. The colour is a rich true red before 1895

Origin: a seedling of 'Suffolk Spectacular', raised by Alick Branigan of Summerhill, Co. Meath, and named after his father 'Big Jim' Branigan, who for many years was one of

Ireland's best known personalities. 'Big Jim' was a policeman in Dublin, and was involved in the amateur boxing scene.

refs: Clements, 'A new raiser in Ireland', *Dahlia annual* (1979): 63; *National Dahlia Soc. bull.* (January 1982): 55, 61.

'Kamloops'

'Violet, splashed dark purple, round flowers; medium sized'.

Origin: 'our own raising', from Eastwood Nurseries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ref: *Eastwood Nurseries catalogue* [c. 1952], 10.

'Matt Armour'

Single, red-flowered.

Origin: raised at Glenveagh Castle, Churchill, Co. Donegal, about 1930, from seed, and thereafter perpetuated by division.

This is named after the head gardener who raised the seedling. Matt Armour retired in 1983, aged 75, after 53 years of service at Glenveagh. He died in January 1996. This dahlia was registered in 1996.

ref: *Ir. garden* 5 (6) (November/December 1996): 30.

illustr: *Ir. garden* 5 (6) (November/December 1996): 30.

'Pawnee'

Flowers 'canary yellow, slight picotee-edge, flushed pink, free flowering; dwarf bushy plant suitable for bedding'.

Origin: from Eastwood Nurseries, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.

ref: *Eastwood Nurseries catalogue* 1954.

'Portstewart Peach'

'A yellow and red bicolor'; flowers creamy-yellow flushed with red, cactus-flowered.

Origin: raised by Derrick Turbitt, Portstewart, Co. Londonderry; registered in 1987.

award: First prize seedling class, Northern Ireland Dahlia Society Show 1986.

refs: D. Turbitt (pers. comm); *Home gardening* 1 (9) (January 1987): 41.

illustr: *Home gardening* 1 (9) (January 1987): 41.

'Truly Scrumptious'

Flowers semi-cactus, 'not unlike 'Monk Marc' of a deeper shade of pink and with slightly flatter petals.'

Origin: a sport of 'Richard Marc', raised by Alick Branigan of Summerhill, Co. Meath.

ref: Clements, 'A new raiser in Ireland', *Dahlia annual* (1979): 63.



Davidia

Davidiaceae. Dove tree, handkerchief tree

D. involucrata 'Golden Birr'

Foliage with distinctive golden hue.

Origin: there was an old tree in the formal garden at Birr Castle, Co. Offaly, which died in the early 1980s. This was propagated by Hilliers Nursery, Ampfield, Hampshire, and young plants have been planted anew at Birr. It is believed that the cultivar, not hitherto formally named, arose at Birr; that certainly was the opinion of the late Alan Mitchell. It may have been a seedling from one of the original introductions.

The dove tree was one of the countless plants that Dr Augustine Henry collected in central China. He sent back the first seeds, but they were pickled! He believed *Davidia* would be a great ornament in western gardens and as a result of his prompting, Ernest Wilson was sent to China in 1899 with secret instructions to collect this plant.

refs: Earl of Rosse (*in litt.* 6 February 1998); (Nelson, 'Augustine Henry and the exploration of the Chinese flora', *Arnoldia* 43 (1983): 21-38).



Delphinium

Ranunculaceae.

D. brunonianum 'Album'

before 1954

'A white flowered yellow spotted form of this distinct, early, and late flowering species.'

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 93.

D. grandiflorum f. *plenum* 'Cambridge Blue'

'A new double flowered form of the Chinese Larkspur... it has full double flowers of a delightful shade of pale blue.'

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 93.

Daisy Hill Nursery released three series of *Delphinium* cultivars; the earlier ones were selected around 1891 and 1897 by Thomas Smith, and the later, dating from the early 1930s, were released by G. N. Smith. Both these series are ascribed to the Smiths in the international register before 1954

Delphinium cultivars, although none of the catalogue entries is tagged. The later series is notable for the choice of names, many being named after peers connected with Northern Ireland. In the absence of evidence one way or the other, I have followed the international register and ascribed these plants to Daisy Hill Nursery. The 1897 catalogue also included unnamed seedlings 'from finest named plants, 1887

Thomas Smith was certainly growing seedlings in quantity, and it is not unlikely that he selected and named the better ones. Further evidence for selection at Daisy Hill is a handwritten list of *Delphinium* cultivars, numbered and described, in a copy of catalogue no. 83.

'Amiable'

Flowers 'a most delicate combination of pale blue and mauve'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94. before 1979

'Aurelia'

Flowers 'pale blue and lilac, ex[cellent]'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Blue Lady'

Flowers 'pale blue with white eye'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Bobs'

Flowers 'clear blue shot with purple'.

before 1930

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Cantab Improved'

Flowers 'clear blue', fine.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Celestial'

Flowers 'bright blue: fine spike'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Dorothy'

Flowers 'pale blue - extra [good]'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Duchess of Abercorn'

Flowers 'sky blue, large ... in compact spikes'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Duchess of York'

Flowers 'deep blue and purple'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Gounod'

Flowers 'semi-double; pale blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Lady Craigavon'

Flowers 'single sky blue and mauve with large white centre'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 94.

'Lady Norah'

Flowers 'very large flowers mauve and sky blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lady Wickham'

Flowers 'pale sky blue, white eye'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord Carson'

Flowers 'rich royal blue, shaded purple, grey centre'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord Castlereagh'

Flowers 'deep heliotrope-mauve tipped with sky blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord Craigavon'

Flowers 'single sky blue and mauve with large white centre'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord Dufferin'

Flowers 'deep blue white eye long pyramidal spikes'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord Londonderry'

Flowers 'semi-double, inner petals purple outer clear blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Lord O'Neill'

Flowers 'semi-double, rosy-heliotrope & bright blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Magnet'

Flowers 'royal blue and purple'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Mauve King'

Flowers 'purple-mauve, [in] rocket-like spires'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

'Mrs Dickson'

Flowers 'pale blue, dark centre'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95.

c. 1934

'Mrs Trouton'

Flowers 'pale blue ... a tall growing kind, with very compact spikes'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 95. c. 1894

'Negro'

Flowers 'very dark blue, white centre – extra good'; 'the darkest blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. c. 1897
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Norah'

Flowers 'dark mauve and bright blue'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. c. 1934
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Olive'

Flowers 'very large flowers, single, mauve-purple with deep blue centre'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Prince George'

Flowers 'dark blue, white centre ... Extra good'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Purple King'

Flowers not described; only tagged 'extra [good]'; purple. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. The colour of the flowers is given in a manuscript note in a copy of catalogue no. 83 (p. 98) (Peter Woods).
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96. c. 1934

'Richard Niven'

Flowers 'pale mauve-lilac and pale blue, large semi-double with grey eye'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. c. 1934
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Royalty'

Flowers 'royal-blue, shaded purple, very large single flowers with black eye'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Stella'

Flowers 'large star-shaped flowers, mauve and pale blue with dark centre'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Sylvia'

Flowers 'pale blue, white centre, extra [good]'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Tory'

flowers 'deep blue, white centre, fine and distinct'. c. 1897

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'Violet'

Flowers 'Oxford blue shaded deep rosy purple, very distinct'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 96.

'W. H. M'Millen'

Flowers 'sky blue, inner petals pale mauve, large white centre'. c. 1934

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.
ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 97.



Dendrobium
Orchidaceae.

D. nobile 'Sir F. W. Moore'

Flowers richer in colour and of fine size; 'a massive seedlings'.

Origin: When shown by Messrs Armstrong and Brown to the Orchid Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society in London on 8 February 1821 this gained an award of merit. Its origins are not known.

award: AM (8 February 1921).

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **47** (1922): 1; 'Orchids at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew', *Orchid review* **51** (1943): 69.



Deutzia
Philadelphaceae.

D. x elegantissima 'Rosealind'

Shrub 'growing to a height of 4-5 ft ... covers itself with deep carmine pink blossoms during June.'

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down. Harry Bryce spotted a more floriferous branch on a plant of *D. x elegantissima* and propagated it, thereby producing 'Rosealind'. It is named after Rosealind, daughter of Mr & Mrs Leslie Slinger.

refs: Fortgen, '*Deutzia*', *Dendroflora* **28** (1991): 7-26; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 43; *Ir. garden* **2** (4 (July-August 1993): 14-16.

illusts: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), plate 13; *Ir. garden* **2** (4 (July-August 1993): 15.

D. x elegantissima 'Rosea Plena'

syn: *Deutzia hybrida* flore roseo plena*, *Deutzia x hybrida* 'Pink Pompom' (or 'Pink Pom-pom')

'A very good seedling ... clear double pink flowers with great lasting qualities' *; 'The fully double flowers are a most pleasing shade of pink and are very lasting in substance'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down. 'A seedling of our own introduction'; introduced in 1942 and noted to have arisen as 'the result of a cross between a double-flowered form of *D. scabra* and *D. longifolia* 'Veitchii'.

refs: Fortgen, '*Deutzia*', *Dendroflora* **28** (1991): 13, 24; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 43.

D. purpurascens 'Alpine Magician'

Flowers white with plum-purple coronas.

Origin: a seedling, raised from Reginald Farrer's Burmese seeds, in the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.

refs: Nelson, 'Reginald Farrer, Glasnevin and *Deutzia purpurascens* 'Alpine Magician', *The Kew magazine* **10** (1993), 171-178; — *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 73-74; *Ir. garden* **4** (3) (May/June 1995): [26-27]; *The garden* **122** (1997): 598-601.

illusts: *The Kew magazine* **10** (1993), tab. 234; *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), plate 5; *Ir. garden* **4** (3) (May/June 1995): [29]; *The garden* **122** (1997): 598.



Dianthus
Caryophyllaceae. Pinks, carnations.

The raising of carnations seems to have been a Irish pastime, at least during the mid-eighteenth century and throughout the nineteenth century. The earliest reference to the raising of new cultivars occurs in the advertised premiums of the Dublin Florists Club during the 1760s, although no list of cultivars has survived from that period

(Nelson 1982). Three extensive lists of nineteenth cultivars exists. The earliest, dated 1840, is a manuscript list of 35 seedlings raised from seed by John Charles Lyons, Ladiston, Mullingar. At the end of the century, a Mrs Gyles of Waterford raised carnations, and about the same time Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, raised and released numerous cultivars. None of these plants is extant. Lyons' cultivar names would never have been published, but I have included them here for their historical interest.

J. C. Lyons' 'Picotees from seed 1840'

1. [No flower]
2. [No flower]
3. 'Prince of Capua': deep orange ground, purplish slate coloured stripe
4. 'Princess of Capua': yuellow ground, bronzy red stripe
5. 'Louis Phillipe': deep yellow ground, purple and red stripe.
6. 'Repealer': reddish buff ground purple and red stripe.
7. 'Jack Sheppard': buff ground, lilac and deep yellow and bronzy purple stripe. Fine. before 1965
8. [No flower]
9. 'Queen of Beauty': light orange ground, laced with red.
10. 'Oliver Twist': fine yellow ground, bronze and red stripe.
11. 'Lady Peel': light buff ground, pale red stripe.
12. 'Sir Robt Peel': orange ground, reddish purple stripe.
13. 'Miss Burdett Coutts': cream coloured ground, crimson stripe.
14. 'D. O'Connell': French grey ground, slate coloured stripe.
15. 'Mayor of Newport': salmon coloured. self.
16. 'Jonathan Wild': deep pink ground, dark red stripe.
17. [single]
18. [single] before 1942
19. 'Conservative': pale buff ground, red and purple stripe.
20. 'Lady Seymour': delicate rose.
21. [no flower]
22. 'Poor Jack': yellowish red ground, edged with deep red.
23. 'The Derry Apprentice': orange self.
24. 'Countess Charleville': primrose self.
25. 'Father Mathew': very light buff ground, chocolate and purple stripe.
26. 'Fanny Essler': deep primrose self.
27. 'Miss Fanny': light French grey ground, slate coloured stripe.
28. 'Pickwick': deep salmon ground, orange red stripe [1993]
29. 'Van Amburgh': reddish yellow round, purplish red stripe.
30. 'Mehemet Ali': bronzy pink ground, red stripe
31. 'Blueskin': bronzy slate coloured ground, maroon stripe. Curious.
32. 'Teetotaller': bronzy yellow ground, deep red. Feathered.
33. 'Claude du Val': Light reddish buff ground, vermilion stripe.
34. [no flower]
35. 'Charles O'Malley': [Original name: 'Sam Veller' deleted] rich salmon self.

Ref: ms in copy of J. Donn's *Hortus Cantabrigiensis* (1831), ex libris J. C. Lyons, Ladiston, in possession of the present author.

D. alpinus 'Gwen's Blush'

Dwarf plant, with large pink flowers with crimson band in centre. No previously published description.

Origin: raised by Harold McBride, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, and name after his wife (see also *Oxalis* 'Gwen McBride').

ref: H. McBride (*in litt.* 26 January 1998).

***D. alpinus* 'Hybridus'**

'Mostly strong *D. alpinus* forms, some very dark colour ... 4in'.

Origin: 'Raised here'; a hybrid swarm raised at Lissadell, Co. Sligo.

ref: *Lissadell price list 1931-1932*, 13.

***D. atrorubens* 'Carton Variety'**

syn: *D. carthusianorum*

No description traced.

Origin: from Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. This was sent from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, to A. K. Bulley (Ness, Cheshire) in July 1907, otherwise I can trace no record of it.

What was perhaps the same plant was obtained as cuttings from H. D. M. Barton on 11 August 1922 by Lady Moore but labelled *D. cruenta* 'Carton Variety'.

refs: Ms register of donations from the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin; Moore ms.

***D. barbatus* 'Foliis Purpureis'**

'The leaves are about the colour of *Dracaena ferrea*. It is of free and compact growth... the flowers are dark scarlet.'

Origin: from Rodger, M'Clelland & Co., Newry, Co. Down; 'a form originating here'.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 97.

***D. caesius* 'Ballawley Variety'**

Flowers 'semi-double, bright pink ... with attractive dark calyx, very free flowering'.

Origin: from Ballawley Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

refs: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue 1936*

***D. caesius* 'Bright Pink'**

'A small form with brightly coloured flower ... Early summer'.

Origin: from Ballawley Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin; 'selected from a batch of seedlings'.

ref: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue* Autumn 1943 Spring 1944, 12.

***D. cruentus* 'Carton Variety'** – see under *D. atrorubens* above.

***D. monspessulanus* 'Albus'**

'A beautiful white flowered kind'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 97.

***D. monspessulanus* 'Dependens'**

'Flowers bright rosy red, pendent growth. ... A first-rate plant for a wall pocket, or a high ledge in the rockery, on account of its pendent habit'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 97.

D. plumarius hybridus

'It is of robust habit and bears exceedingly well-formed flowers of a pale rose-colour, with rich crimson centres, in the finest possible manner.'

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

Described as a 'first-class hardy plant', and its history is given – 'this appears to have crossed with the Indian pink'.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 97.

***D. plumarius* [of] 1913**

In an annotated interleaved catalogue there is a list of 17 *Dianthus plumarius* seedlings, numbered, with descriptions, but without names.

'Adelaide'

'with fine large flowers of a distinct shade of coral red'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Alfreda'

Flowers yellow ground, marked scarlet.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. 1930 Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Alfred Grey'

Flowers golden-yellow flaked scarlet.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. 1907 Waterford.

awards: HC 1890

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Argosy'

Flower with yellow ground, 'deep yellow, with crimson flakes'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Avoca Purple'

Small flower, centre very dark purple, ground is pale purple, streaked with darker purple.

Origin: an old pink grown for many years in Ireland and 1880 which no history can now be traced. One source states that it was raised by Miss Winifred Wynne, Tigroney, Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

refs: Moreton, *Old carnations and pinks* (1955), 38; *IGPS newsl.* 5 (July 1982): 3; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 60.

illust: Moreton, *Old carnations and pinks* (1955), 36.

Ballawley Strain

'A strain of large-flowered, grey or grey-green foliaged plants ... a wide range of beautiful colours, single and double.'

Origin: from Ballawley Alpine Nursery, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. There were 3 numbered selections listed:

No. 1. Silver foliage and semi-double, deep pink flowers with crimson centre. 9 inches.

No. 2. Soft pink, flushed deeper pink at base of petals, light crimson centre, semi-double, silver foliage.

No. 3. White, flushed pink on reverse with edges of petals with the same colour, grey petalled with conspicuous blood-red centre. Grey foliage. before 1894

ref: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue 1945-1946*, 11-12.

'Black Prince'

Flowers double, with a 'very dark black-purple' eye and white ground.

Origin: is this an old Irish pink? It was cultivated in Ireland in the 1950s but seems to have disappeared.

refs: *IGPS newsl.* 5 (July 1982): 3; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 63.

'Camlin's Cameo'

Flowers ivory ground flushed rose.

before 1894

Origin: from J. W. Camlin, Mountpleasant Nurseries, Manse Road, Newtownards, Co. Down.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Camlin's Collette'

Flowers yellow ground edged and striped purple-maroon.

Origin: from J. W. Camlin, Mountpleasant Nurseries, Manse Road, Newtownards, Co. Down.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Camlin's Coral'

Flowers coral ground, edged rose.

Origin: from J. W. Camlin, Mountpleasant Nurseries, Manse Road, Newtownards, Co. Down.

before 1897

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Chomley Farran'

syn: 'Helen Dillon' [invalid name]

Flowers deep crimson with dove grey splashing in ground 1890 appearance; actually magnolia-purple (RHSCC 70A) with

cherry-red (45C) splashes; a border carnation.

Origin: a 'sport' on an unnamed seedling, propagated by Mr Chomley Farran, Braemor Park, Dublin, about 1975. He was given three seedlings raised from a packet of mixed seed, and one of these seedlings produced a deep red flower with a blue tinge – this sported to 'Chomley Farran'. The name was registered by Dr E. C. Nelson and Helen Dillon.

ref: *Ir. garden* 4 (1) (January-February 1995): 32.

illustr: *Ir. garden* 4 (1) (January-February 1995): 32.

'Countess of Aberdeen'

'One of the finest yellow grounds ... the flower are extremely full, large, and symmetrical.'

Origin: probably raised and introduced by Messrs William Watson & Sons, Clontarf Nursery, Dublin. The cultivar was 'named by permission of Her Excellency'.

award: AM (RHSI).

ref: Watson, 'Real border carnations', *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 154-155.

'Countess Ferrers'

No description traced.

Origin: raised by Andrew Campbell, head-gardener at St Anne's, Clontarf, the property of Lord and Lady Ardilaun.

ref: *The garden* 58 (10 November 1900): 346.

'Countess Granville'

Flowers cyclamen cerise self.

Origin: from E. Camlin, Kingsden Park Nurseries, Kensington Gardens, Knock, Belfast, Co. Antrim; a sport from 'Michael Shane Camlin'.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Crimson King'

'Medium sized flowers of rich crimson, freely produced'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Daisy Hill'

No description traced.

Origin: presumably from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down, but this may be a mistake for 'Daisy Hill Scarlet' – qv.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Daisy Hill Scarlet'

Flowers scarlet, self border carnation.

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Darkness'

Flowers 'a peculiar shade of dusky crimson, almost black'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Daydawn'

syn: 'Prince of Carrick'

'Lovely large soft pink, almost salmon' flowers.

Origin: from Desmond Shaw Smith, Ballawley Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. 'We have named this planted in the belief that it has been un-named up to this' but it was! – 'Prince of Carrick'

refs: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue* 1943, 12; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 76.

'Downhill Seedling'

Flowers with yellow ground; 'One of the brightest in my collection; buff yellow ground, heavily edged with bright scarlet. It bursts badly but the colour is superb.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. The name (Downhill) suggests that this cultivar was not raised in Newry but came from the house of that name in Co. Londonderry.

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Dublin Pink'

'A delightfully clove-scented, real border carnation ... the stems and foliage are of the most robust character. The flowers are comparatively large and numerous, with petals of a "lively pink" colour, calyx showing no tendency to burst'.

Origin: from Messrs William Watson & Sons, Clontarf Nursery, Dublin; it is not clear if Watson's Nursery produced this cultivar or merely introduced it.

ref: Watson, 'Real border carnations', *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 154-155. before 1910

illustr: *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 155.

'Duchess of Fife'

'Flowers have some resemblance in size and claw-like appendages to the petals of *D. heddwigii* [sic]: colour, clear pink, with darker markings ... A beautiful plant'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Duchess of York'

Flowers white with heavy rose edging; 'large and beautiful; one of the finest [carnations] raised here.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; Smith offered this at eighteen shillings per dozen in 1898.

refs: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985); Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 98.

'Duke of York'

Flowers blush white with heavy crimson edging, 'a most free and useful kind; can be ut in sheaves'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; Smith offered this at four shillings per dozen in 1898. before 1897

refs: *Daisy Hill Nursery catalogue of border carnations ...* 1898, 4; S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Dulce'

Flowers apricot self, border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Earl Granville'

Flowers deep rose self, perpetual flowering carnation before 1898

Origin: from E. Camlin, Kingsden Park Nurseries, Kensington Gardens, Belfast.

refs: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Eblana'

No description traced.

before 1897

Origin: from T. Beaumont, Palmerston Park, Dublin.

refs: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Evelyn'

'mass of carmine pink flowers'; 1ft.

before 1943

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

Now extinct; it survived only for a few years. Named after Evelyn Deane (née Slinger).

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 44.

'Exile'

Flowers yellow ground marked rose, fancy; border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985). before 1896

'Fernhill Seedling'

'Flowers dark, 'almost a mahogany colour'.

Origin: Dr George Sevastopulo purchased a plant with this name at a plant sale, noting it in a review of R. Bird, *Border pinks*. It may be an old cultivar, or a seedling from Fernhill, Sandyford, Co. Dublin.

ref: *Ir garden* 4 (2) (March-April 1995): 42.

'F. W. Millard'

Flower double, large, crimson; stem to 30cm tall; foliage forming compact clumps.

Origin: 'This very handsome hybrid was either raised or discovered in Ireland by the great gardener whose name it bears', F. W. Millard. Bird (1994) points out that this seeded profusely and that many seedlings came true; however he also notes that the 'strain' may now be lost.

refs: Ingwersen, *The Dianthus* (1949), 102; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 92.

'Garville Gem'

Flowers heliotrope self; border carnation.

Origin: from a Mr Williams about whom little information is available except that he was an amateur grower living near Dublin; he also raised 'Lady Ardilaun' and 'Queen of Yellows', and may have been responsible for one named 'Lady Buxton'.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Gay Gordons'

'Double flowers of old rose and dusky maroon'.

Origin: from Desmond Shaw Smith, Ballawley Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin: 'We have previously listed this under the colour description. The name, recently given to us, is without guarantee.'

ref: *Ballawley Nursery catalogue* 1943, 13.

'Greenore'

'Blush ground, with deep rose flakes; good flowers freely produced.'

Newry, Co. Down. I suspect 'Greenore' is the same as 'Greenore Flake' (see below).

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Greenore Flake'

A border carnation with a white ground flaked rose; clove-scented.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; this was being marketed by Thomas Smith, Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, in 1898, and the name suggests it was of local origin but no exact history has been traced. I suspect 'Greenore' ('blush ground flaked rose'; clove-scented) was the same cultivar.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Gretchen'

Flowers yellow ground marked scarlet, fancy; border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Gwen'

Flowers 'a very charming primrose shade'.

Origin: probably introduced by Messrs William Watson & Sons, Clontarf Nursery, Dublin.

ref: Watson, 'Real border carnations', *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 154.

'Helen Dillon' – see 'Chomley Farran'

'Irish Hussar'

No description traced.

Origin: unknown; the name suggests an Irish origin but no history has been traced and the only reference that I have is from Mrs McConnell's catalogue.

ref: *McConnell catalogue*.

'Irish Pink'

Fragrant, 'bright carmine single, centre and lacing of pale pink'; 'cream ground striped and marked white, scented; a border pink.'

Origin: this is a problem cultivar. There are perhaps three different plants named 'Irish Pink', one being single, one semi-double, and one fully double. The extant cultivar is a single with fragrant flowers during June. Moreton described another, probably now extinct, a semi-double pink with frilled crimson petals striped with white. This latter plant was similar to a border pink named 'Glory' but its calyx does not split. Whatever it is, or they are, Irish origin is assumed as is antiquity.

refs: *McMurtrie catalogue* 1953; Moreton, *Old carnations and pinks* (1955), 38; Ingwersen, *The Dianthus* (1949), 108; *IGPS newsl.* 5 (July 1982), 3; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 104.

'Isobel, Countess of Aberdeen'

before 1896

A perpetual flowering carnation; rich rosy carmine self.

Origin: from E. Kelly, Rosebank, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'J. Souster'

Flowers 'crimson and scarlet markings, on a white ground'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

before 1943

'Kate'

Flowers 'large, white ground with crimson purple edging'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Killarney'

A border carnation; white self, slightly fringed petal.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. Offered at ten shillings per dozen in 1898; 'perhaps the best white hardy border Carnation in existence.'

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Laced Avoca'

Creamy rose pink ground with darker lacing; border pink

Origin: this cultivar is said to have come from Avoca, Co. Wicklow but the evidence is not available to confirm this. Bird (1994) described it as an eighteenth century cultivar.

refs: Moreton, *Old carnations & pinks* (1955); Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 110.

'Lady Ardilaun'

Flowers buff ground marked with heliotrope; border carnation.

Origin: from a Mr Williams, Dublin (see 'Garville Gem', 'Queen of Yellows').

refs: *The garden* 53 (5 February 1898), pl. 1158; S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

illustr: *The garden* 53 (5 February 1898), pl. 1158.

'Lady Cory'

One of the 'mauve and lavender' cultivars; flowers 'not over large, the stems, habit and colour are excellent'. before 1910

Origin: from Messrs William Watson & Sons, Clontarf Nursery, Dublin.

ref: Watson, 'Real border carnations', *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 154.

'Lady Mary Leveson-Gower'

Pale salmon pink self; perpetual flowering carnation.

Origin: from E. Camlin, Kingsden Park Nurseries, Kensington Gardens, Knock, Belfast.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985)

'Lissadell'

Flowers rose-pink, 'very striking'.

Origin: from Sir Josslyn Gore-Booth, Lissadell, Sligo, Co. Sligo; a chance seedling supposed to be the progeny of *D. callyonius* x *neglectus*. before 1955

Lissadell also offered seeds of what they listed as *Delphinium* Lissadell Old Strain.

refs: *Lissadell Nursery catalogue* Spring 1920: 5, 15; *Price list*

of fresh *Lissadell* seed (1937-1938), 11.

'Lord Carew'

'Remarkable for its vigour ... a new fancy carnation with bold, scarlet flakes on a light ground.'

Origin: from Messrs William Watson & Sons, Clontarf Nursery, Dublin.

award: AM RHSI.

ref: Watson, 'Real border carnations', *Ir. gardening* 5 (1910): 154-155.

'Madge'

Flower with creamy (yellow) ground, 'with rosy markings'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Marchioness of Headfort'

Red ground fading to white at the edges; a perpetual flowering carnation.

Origin: from Headfort House, Kells, Co. Meath; raised by J. A. Boyle was Lord Headfort's head-gardener.

On reaching the gardens ... the chief centre of attraction was the collection of Perpetual-flowering Carnations; the vigor and health of the hundreds of splendidly grown specimens being favourably commented upon. Amongst these some fine plants of the new variety, "Marchioness of Headfort" raised by his Lordship, evoked unstinted praise.

award: AM 1930.

ref: *Bull. Roy. Hort. Soc. Ireland* 1 (9) (October 1938): 157.

'Michael Shane Camlin'

A crimson self; perpetual flowering carnation.

Origin: from E. Camlin Kingsden Park Nurseries; Kensington Gardens, Knock, Belfast. This carnation sported at Camlin's nursery and yielded 'Countess Granville'.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Mount Usher'

Richly coloured; a border pink.

Origin: probably from Mount Usher, Ashford, Co. Wicklow, but no history has been traced. It could have been named after Mount Usher and may not have originated there.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Mrs Gyles'

Flowers chocolate self; border carnation.

Origin: unknown, but introduced by Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

According to Wilson, this cultivar is not listed by Dodwell among the yellow ground carnations produced at Kilmurry House, so it must have come from another source. This is suggested too by the fancy name - horticulturists do not usually name plants they produced after themselves!

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Mrs Laura Armstrong'

apricot-salmon carnation.

Origin: raised by J. Dowling, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, who was gardener to Mrs Armstrong after whom the plant was named; introduced by Watson's Nursery, Killiney, Co. Dublin.

awards: AM (Glasgow & West of Scotland HS); Certificate (RHSI).

ref: *The garden* 64 (1903): 194.

'Mrs Leigh White'

apricot ground splashed pink; said to be scented; a border carnation.

Origin: from St Anne's, Clontarf, Co. Dublin; introduced by Lady Ardilaun; Andrew Campbell, head-gardener to Lord and Lady Ardilaun (cf. *Anemone x hybrida* 'Lady Ardilaun')

probably raised it.

This carnation is perplexing - Wilson (*in litt.*) stated it 'was very odd as no yellow or apricot grounds up to this time had been reported to have had any scent.'

award: AM 1902.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Mrs McBride's Old Irish'

syn: 'Mrs McBride'

Strongly fragrant, semi-double, rose pink with a maroon central zone and a white throat.

Origin: This was named by Mrs McMurtrie after her friend before 1897 and is still in cultivation, but Bird (1994, under 'Mrs McBride') makes no reference to an Irish source.

ref: Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 123.

'Nancy'

before 1930

Flowers yellow ground marked rose; a border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Nankin'

Flowers apricot flamed and edged rosy red, a border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Newry Gem'

'Small fringed flowers of a rich heliotrope colour, brightly flaked with scarlet, produced in the freest possible manner.'

Origin: presumed to be from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'Newry Girl'

Flowers open up as a bluish mauve and fade to a slate grey, with scarlet flakes; if shaded it opens a rich heliotrope blue with scarlet flakes.

Origin: almost certainly a plant raised by Thomas Smith at Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down, although a record of its origins has not been traced.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99.

'New Uriah'

Crimson self, clove scented border carnation, petals bright red and borne on much more branching stems than the old clove 'Uriah'.

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 99-100.

'Nora'

Flowers primrose yellow-self; border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985). before 1903

'Old Irish'

Single, fragrant, deep pink with central zone speckled with crimson and random speckling in central and around petal margins; foliage green, in neat spreading clumps.

Origin: no history seems to be recorded.

ref: Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 130.

'Old Irish' [of Cotswold Garden Flowers]

syn: indistinguishable from 'Fettes Mount' according to Van 1992 Cook.

An untidy plant [Cook]. 'Vigorous even in clay' neat spreading clumps of green leaves, sprays of single scented pink flowers' [Brown].

Origin: Vanessa Cook supplied this plant to Bob Brown,

Cotswold Garden Flowers, who labelled it 'Old Irish'.
Vanessa Cook received it from Dr David Willis who had obtained it in Northern Ireland, but she considers that it is identical with 'Fettes Mount'.

refs: Vanessa Cook (pers. comm. March 1998); Bob Brown (*in litt.* 5 February 1998); *Cotswold Garden Flowers list* 1998, 15.

'Orangeman'

'Very bright'; 'Very dazzling', intense scarlet flakes on a deep yellow ground.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; the cultivar name was also used by Smith in *Trollius*.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Patricia'

Flowers bright yellow ground sparsely marked with fine red lines down the centre of each petal.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Pembroke Seedling'

No description traced.

Origin: from Carlow; introduced by David Henry.

ref: *Ir. gardening* 1 (1906): 180.

'Phoebe'

Flowers 'similar in colour to that excellent and popular kind 'St. Patrick' but with much larger'.

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'fine for exhibition'.

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Phyllis Marshall'

'A beautiful white striped sport' on 'Lord Chatham'.

Origin: found 'in a garden at Donaghadee', Co. Down, by Mrs Nigel Marshall, after whom it is named, wife of the head gardener at Mount Stewart in Co. Down, propagated and distributed by Graham Stuart Thomas - 'I have been distributing this but can find no reference to it in old books. It may, of course be comparatively new.' It reverted to 'Lord Chatham'.

As far as I can ascertain the cultivar name has not previously been published.

refs: Thomas, *Complete flower paintings* (1979), 66; *The garden* 114 (1989): 383-384; Nigel Marshall (*in litt.* 23 November 1998).

illustr: Thomas, *Complete flower paintings* (1979), 67.

'Pinkeen'

Plant forms a tight silvered mat of small leaves; neat single flowers, very bright pink.

Origin: from Desmond Shaw Smith, Ballawley Park, Dunderum, Co. Dublin.

ref: *Ballawley nursery catalogue* 1945-1946, 12.

'Porcelain'

Flowers with 'a sort of bluish ground, covered with purple spots giving it the appearance that its name denotes'.

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Prince of Carrick'

syn. 'Daydawn', 'Earl of Carrick'
salmon pink ground, zoned pale scarlet with a ring of grey mottling; petals deeply toothed.

Origin: from Ireland. Wilson affirms that 'Daydawn' is a synonym for this which is a very old Irish border pink. Its history is now lost, but some claim it can be traced back to 1750.

refs: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985); *IGPS news!* 5 (July 1982): 3; Bird, *Border pinks* (1994), 136.

'Queen of Hearts'

Flowers rich apricot with a rich flame or flake of red down the centre of each petal.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985). before 1897

'Queen of Yellows'

Yellow self; border carnation.

Origin: raised by a Mr Williams of Dublin (cf. 'Garville Gem', 'Lady Ardilaun').

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Rachel'

before 1887

Flowers soft yellow richly marked rose.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Saint Brigid'

flesh-coloured self; a border carnation. c. 1906

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. While Daisy Hill Nursery listed this in 1898, does it perhaps have an association with Mrs Lawrenson (cf. *Anemone coronaria* 'Saint Bridgid')?

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Saint Patrick'

Flowers pure white streaked rose; border carnation.

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

refs: Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Sileniflorus'

'A plant of slow growth; but very distinct; flowers pink and white, with deeper markings.'

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

refs: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'Sovereign Lady'

Flowers fawn apricot self; border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Spangle'

'Habit is very crowded; flowers numerous on 4-inch stems, intense crimson.'

Origin: from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down. c. 1945

refs: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 100.

'The Captain'

Flowers 'fine large well-formed ... of a distinct shade of rose-cerise'.

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

refs: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 101. before 1897

'Tournament'

Flowers primrose yellow picoteed rosy red; border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

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'Troubadour'

Flowers apricot yellow edged and flamed with red; a border carnation.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Ursula'

Flowers primrose yellow picoteed bright red.

Origin: from Mrs Gyles, Kilmurry House, Waterford, Co. Waterford.

ref: S. Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985).

'Walter'

'Monster flowers, of perfect shape, clear rose'.

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

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 101.

For the sake of completeness, and in case other information comes to light, Syd Wilson (*in litt.* 15 September 1985) suggested that the following cultivars, for which the *only* printed records are in Tom Smith's catalogues, may have been raised at Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down.

The following border carnations were offered in *Carnations* no. 31 (1898-99):

- 'Annie' – yellow ground marked rose, fancy.
- 'Archie Cameron' – rich deep crimson self.
- 'Aurora' – white ground picotee edged rose.
- 'Comte de la Grange' – rosy scarlet self.
- 'Condor' – yellow ground picotee edged rose.
- 'Confidence' – white ground marked lake, fancy.
- 'Constance' – pale yellow and lilac.
- 'Curio' – greyish purple self.
- 'Dorothea Baird' – yellow ground marked deep rose.
- 'Florrie' – yellow ground marked scarlet, fancy.
- 'Fusilier' – scarlet self.
- 'Hetty' – white ground pencilled scarlet.
- 'Hodgson Pratt' – brilliant crimson-scarlet, barred and pencilled with purple.
- 'Jasper' – nankeen yellow with bright scarlet flakes.
- 'Jessie' – deep yellow heavily marked bright scarlet.
- 'Kathleen' – blush pink self.
- 'Lady of the Lake' – bright rose self.
- 'Lord Cadogan' – bright rosy scarlet flaked crimson.
- 'Lorna Doone' – bright scarlet flake.
- 'Madonna' – white self.
- 'Mina' – pale yellow shading to deep orange with rosy scarlet flakes.
- 'Miss Sewell' – rich salmon shaded lighter salmon.
- 'Prince Charles' – deep rosy crimson fading to scarlet self.
- 'Rhoda' – mauve self.
- 'Sambo' – clear yellow heavily pencilled rose.
- 'Spangle' – pale lemon with crimson pencilling.
- 'Sulphur Queen' – pale sulphur yellow self.
- 'Sunshine' – yellow with rose flakes.
- 'Sweet Briar' – pale scarlet self.
- 'The Mahdi' – white with rosy purple markings.
- 'Tom Chambers' – delicate blush ground (pink) with flakes of scarlet and crimson.
- 'Unique' – nankeen yellow flaked rose.
- 'Zenobia' – blush ground marked rose.

The following are listed in *Newry roses ... carnations* no. 59 (1903-04).

- 'Cardinal Manning'
- 'Charles Babbadge'
- 'Crown Bob'
- 'Dazzler'
- 'George Massey'
- 'Glory'
- 'Lucy'
- 'Marjory'
- 'May'
- 'Mikado'
- 'Mrs H. Smith'
- 'Nancy'
- 'Profusion'
- 'Sable'

'Stanley'

before 1887

'W. Wilkinson'

ref: Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 101-102.

**Dierama**

before 1897

Iridaceae. Wand flowers, harebells.

This is a famous group of plants, mainly originating in the Slieve Donard Nursery, but despite countless claims to the contrary most of the cultivars listed here are probably extinct (Nelson, 'Dierama – what's all the fuss about', *IGPS newsl.* 44 (Spring 1992): 4-5; *Ir. garden* 2 (4 July-August 1993): 14-16; —, 'It died on me' – the perilous lives of Ireland's garden plants', *Moorea* 10 (1993): 35-40). Most recently, Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down, has selected and introduced new cultivars; these are listed at the end (see Ballyrogan cultivars).

D. dracomontanum

syn: *D. pumilum*

'It grows to a height of about 1.5 ft while the colour of the flower might be best described as deep carmine-rose'; 'deep carmine-rose... on 3 ft. stems during June and July'.

Origin: now known to be a species from the Drakensberg in South Africa; received from South Africa about 1940, and subsequently introduced by Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, under the name *D. pumilum*.

award: AM 1965.

refs: Nelson, 'Dierama – what's all the fuss about', *IGPS newsl.* 44 (Spring 1992): 4-5; *Moorea* 10 (1993): 35-40; Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 47.

illustr: *An Irish flower garden* (1984).

D. dracomontanum x pulcherrimum

syn: "Dwarf Pink Hybrid"

'They flower in June and July and attain a height of about 3 ft...their habit is exceedingly vigorous'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

Offered for the first time in the 1949-1950 catalogue this obviously was a grex (mixed hybrids) raised "by breeding between the new Dwarf Species [i.e. *D. dracomontanum*], and some of our best forms of *D. pulcherrimum*, we have produced a race of sturdy free-flowering plants of great vigour".

refs: Nelson, *Dierama* – what's all the fuss about', *IGPS newsl.* 44 (Spring 1992): 4-5; Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 45-46.

The following cultivars belong to this hybrid swarm.

'Ariel'

'Similar to 'Miranda'; palest fuchsia pink, veined deeper shades (pale "pink" & "red" shade)'; 'palest fuchsia-purple, veined deeper shades'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 47.

'Ceres'

'Similar to 'Iris' but not as good; pale cobalt violet (medium "blue" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 47.

'Hermia'

Flowers 'bright pink (medium "pink" & "red" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 47.

'Iris'

Flowers 'medium bishops violet (deep "blue" shade)'; 'pure violet'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

award: AM July 1965.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 47.

'Juliet'

'Similar to 'Miranda'; fuchsine pink (medium "pink" & "red" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 47.

'Juno'

syn: 'June' (*Gard. chron.* **158** (November 1965): 468).

Flowers 'palest shades of mauve and mallow purple (pale "blue" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 47-48.

'Mariana'

Flowers 'solferino purple (deep "pink" & "red" shade)'; 'a violet-pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

award: AM July 1965.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48.

'Miranda'

syn: 'Mirandy' (*Slieve Donard catalogue* 1970-1971).

Flowers 'fuchsine pink, rather dull (deep "pink" & "red" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48.

'Oberon'

Flowers 'paeony purple (deep "pink" & "red" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

refs: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48; Nelson, *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), 183-187.

illusts: [*An Irish flower garden* (1984), and *An Irish flower garden replanted* (1997), plate 14] – the dwarf purple-blossomed cultivar depicted in this book is believed to be this plant.

'Peaseblossom'

Flowers 'white tinted palest cyclamen-purple'. c. 1950

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48.

'Puck'

Flowers 'soft rose madder (pale "pink" & "red" shade); similar to 'Titania' but not so large flower'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct.

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48.

'Titania'

'Soft neyron rose (pale "pink" & "red" shade)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. c. 1950

One of the dwarf, hybrid cultivars selected and named by the Slieve Donard Nursery; the parents of this included *D. dracomontanum*, and the tall *D. pulcherrimum*, both from South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 48.

D. pulcherrimum 'Albatross'

Flowers 'pale pink'; 'white flushed palest pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

c. 1950

D. pulcherrimum var. *album*

syn: *D. pulcherrimum* 'Alba', 'Album'

'White, medium/small flowers; medium height'; 'early stage tinged pink, finally white'; 'tall arching slender spikes of white flowers'.

Origin: when shown by Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, this gained an award of merit. White *Dierama* was also sold by Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, in the early 1900s.

award: AM RHS (1921).

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **47** (1921): lxxvi; Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 51-52. c. 1950

D. pulcherrimum 'Avocet'

'Medium shade, mottled flowers, silvery-pink shaded deeper cyclamen, pointed rim to bell; upright habit'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars, but the name seems never to have been published before its inclusion in Nelson & Deane (1993).

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

D. pulcherrimum 'Barn Owl'

c. 1950

Flowers 'palest phlox pink'; 'pale phlox-pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

D. pulcherrimum 'Blackbird'

Flowers 'dark shade, deep purple shading to wine purple'; 'blackish purple'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct in its original state, although frequently listed by nurseries. One of the tall cultivars.

I have seen plants with flowers matching this descriptions in the wild in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

D. pulcherrimum 'Bullfinch'

Flowers 'pale rhodamine purple'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

D. pulcherrimum 'Chaffinch'

Flowers 'light shade, cyclamen pink; upright habit; good'; 'mallow-purple'; 'light cyclamen pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52.

D. pulcherrimum 'Curlew'

Flowers 'medium shade, bright reddish purple; like 'Heatherbell'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 52–53.

D. pulcherrimum Donard Hybrids

Origin: whatever plants or seeds offered under this name represent, they have only tenuous links with the Slieve Donard Nursery. Seed is offered by several suppliers under this name, and almost certainly will be from open-pollinated plants of doubtful provenance.

ref: *The seed finder 1997-1998*.

D. pulcherrimum 'Fairy Lantern'

Flowers 'deep lavender pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53.

D. pulcherrimum 'Falcon'

syn: 'The Falcon' (Wood ms)

Flowers 'wine purple'; 'deep claret form... the cut stems about 4 feet long, [with]...campanulate flowers with pointed and somewhat spreading petals'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

award: AM 1938.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **63** (1938): 446, cxiv; Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53.

D. pulcherrimum 'Fieldfare'

Flowers 'very dark shade; pendulous (floppy)'; 'deepest paeony-purple, wide open bell'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53.

D. pulcherrimum 'Flamingo'

Flowers 'medium shade, rhodamine purple'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

refs: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53; *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **63** (1938): cxiv.

D. pulcherrimum 'Heatherbell'

Flowers 'medium shade, pink, flushed deep rose; good'; 'rhodamine-purple, wide open bell'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53. c. 1950

D. pulcherrimum 'Heron'

Flowers 'deep wine red; very tall'; 'rich wine red'; 'deep wine-red'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

award: AM 1923.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **49** (1923): lxxxviii; Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 53.

c. 1950

D. pulcherrimum 'Jay'

Flowers 'mallow pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

c. 1950

D. pulcherrimum 'Kingfisher'

Flowers 'large, pale fuchsine pink'; 'large bell, pale fuchsine pink; best of the pinks'; 'a good pale-pink ... the flowers are large and hang down from long arching growths'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

award: AM June 1924.

c. 1940

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **50** (1925): xcii; Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Kittiwake'

Flowers 'delicate fuchsine pink; very free-flowering'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Magic Wand'

Flowers 'pale lavender pink'; 'large open flowers, art shade of lavender pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54. c. 1935

D. pulcherrimum 'Merlin'

Flowers 'medium shade, rhodamine purple; bold flower; good upright habit'; 'fine bold flower and erect habit'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars. c. 1930

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Miss England'

Flowers 'soft pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Nightingale'

'Very light shade, palest fuchsine pink, large flowers; very pendulous (floppy)'; 'pale fuchsine pink, very large flowers'1950

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Noctule'

No description traced.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 54.

D. pulcherrimum 'Osprey'

Flowers 'pale pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars. c. 1920

ref: Nelson & Deane, *'Glory of Donard'* (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Peregrine'**

Flowers 'very light shade, fuchsine purple, open bells; very pendulous (floppy)'; 'wide open flowers of fuchsine pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Plover'**

'Funnel shaped flowers; lilac pink'; 'numerous funnel-shaped pendulous flowers about 1.5 inches long, borne in panicles on graceful arching stems from 5 to 6 feet tall. The lilac-pink flowers are ... Pansy Violet (H.C.C. 033/2) and are flushed with a slightly deeper shade at the mouth'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

awards: AM July 1956; AM 1975.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **81** (1956): 540, 55; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Redwing'**

Flowers 'deep velvety purple; very pendulous (floppy)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Ringdove'**

Flowers 'very light shade; delicate pink; pendulous stems'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Seabird'**

'A glorified form of 'Magic Wand'.'

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Sea Swallow'**

Flowers 'very light shade; pale mallow pink; very pendulous (floppy)'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Skylark'**

Flowers 'deep rose (deep reddish purple); very upright habit'; 'deep rose flowers; very upright habit'; 'large pendulous, purplish pansy-violet flowers'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

award: AM 1934.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **59** (1934): 445, cxcix; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Slieve Donard'**

This name should be discarded. It is evidently a tag that has become a name, and is probably a contraction of "Slieve Donard Hybrids".

refs: *Index hortensis*; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Snowgoose'**

Flowers 'pale shade, pale fuchsine pink, broad petals, large flower almost white flushed, palest pink'; 'palest fuchsine pink; broad petals'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Starling'**

Flowers 'cyclamen purple'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Tern'**

c. 1940

Flowers 'pale pink; medium height'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars. The name was first published in Nelson & Deane (1993).

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'The Dove'**

c. 1950

Flowers 'soft shell pink'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Raven'**

syn; 'The Raven'

Flowers 'dark shade, deep purple; open bells'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 55.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Waxwing'**

c. 1950

Flowers 'a medium dark shade'; 'deep rhodamine purple, darker on outside'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 56.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Will o' the Wisp'**

Flowers 'silvery pink'; 'pink; small flowers'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars.

ref: Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 57.

***D. pulcherrimum* 'Windhover'**

'Very tall; deep lilac-rose'; 'deep lilac-rose'; 'bright rose-pink and much larger and more open than those of the type'.

Origin: from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down, now probably extinct. One of the tall cultivars, with open bells.

award: AM July 1928.

refs: *Journ. Roy. Hort. Soc.* **54** (1929): civ; Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 57.

illust: *Gard. illust.* **50** (11 August 1928): 514.

D. pumilum* = *D. dracomontanum

c. 1930

Slieve Donard Seedlings

[name not valid]

Origin: some nurseries (e.g. Cally Gardens) offer seedlings raised from plants reputedly from the Slieve Donard Nursery; these mixed seedlings will vary, and should not be given a name.

ref: Cally Gardens catalogue 1993, 4.

Ballyrogan cultivars

'Black Knight'

Flowers deep purple, stems to 0.9m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Blush'

Flowers pale pink, stems to 1.2m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant lists* 1996, 1997 [without description].

c. 1950

'Donard Legacy'

Flowers purple, stems tall, to 1.4m in height.

Origin: a seedling, selected, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant list* 1997 [without description].

'Midnight Chimes'

Flowers 'a striking deep aubergine shade'; 'very dark purple', stems to 1.2m in height.

Origin: raised at Ballyrogan Nurseries, Co. Down; 'hybrids [in] a wonderful variety of pinks and purples, and a striking deep aubergine shade in [*Dierama*] 'Midnight Chimes'.

refs: *IGPS newsl.* 62 (October 1996): 7; G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998).

'Milkmaid'

Flowers white, stems to 1.2m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant lists* 1996, 1997 [without description].

'Pamina'

Flowers pink, stems to 1.5m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Papagena'

Flowers light purple, stems to 1.2m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Papageno'

Flowers purple, stems to 1.2m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Queen of the Night'

Flowers dark purple, stems to 1.5m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Tamino'

Flowers purple, stems to 1.5m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Tubular Bells'

Flowers pink, stems to 1.8m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries list of 1998 additions* [without description].

'Violet Ice'

Flowers pale lavender, stems to 0.6m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant lists* 1996, 1997 [without description].

'Westminster Chimes'

Flowers pink in dense clusters, stems to 1.5m in height.

Origin: a seedling raised, named and introduced by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998, 3 April 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant lists* 1996, 1997 [without description].



Diervilla

c. 1997

Caprifoliaceae. Bush honeysuckle.

***D. sessiliflora* 'Goldheart'**

Leaves with irregular pale golden blotches in centre; flowers sulphur yellow.

Origin: a sport noticed, propagated, and named by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down. Not listed in his catalogues yet, but described in *The sport*.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 26 February 1998); *The sport* 15 (Winter 1995): 12.



Diplarrhena

Iridaceae.

1998

***D. moraea* 'Donard'**

syn: *D. moraea* Donard form

Foliage slightly shorter than usual, leaves erect; no published description traced.

Origin: named and offered by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down, and subsequently (1998) by R. D. Plants, Tytherleigh, Axminster, Devon (as 'Slieve Donard').

In the wild *D. moraea* is variable.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 26 February 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries 1997 plant list*; *The RHS plant finder 1998-99*.

D. latifolia

syn: *D. moraea* West Coast form.

1998

Flowers white. larger than *D. moraea*, with spoon-shaped, cupped petals, with yellow and purple throat markings.

Origin: this was grown by David Shackleton in his garden at Beech Park, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin, for many years, and the name he used was "West Coast form". He had obtained it from Lord Talbot de Malahide, who is said to have introduced it. I believe this is the plant illustrated in Talbot de Malahide's *Endemic flora of Tasmania*.

refs: G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 3 April 1998), H. Dillon (*pers. comm.* 1998); see also Ross & Irons, *Australian plants* (1997).



Drimys

Winteraceae. Jesuit's bark.

1998

***Drimys winteri* 'Glauca Latifolia'**

Leaves broad, with glaucous, almost white undersides; a more slender, upright tree with a definite leader.

Origin: this plant has associations with Fota, Co. Cork. In 1903 seedlings were received from Wakehurst Place, and of the two originals, one (now dead) had relatively narrow leaves; the second - this one - had glaucous undersides to the leaves which were quite broad. The seedlings may have been raised from seed collected in South America by H. J. Elwes (1901-1902).

ref: Bean, *Trees & shrubs II* (1973, 8th ed), 71.

1996



Dryas

Rosaceae. Mountain avens.

1996

***Dryas octopetala* 'Burren Nymph'**

Flowers consistently double, with more than 20 petals per bloom.

Origin: found in The Burren, Co. Clare, by Dr Keith Lamb, and propagated from cuttings. Introduced in 1997.

refs: *The garden* 120 (1995): 595; Nelson, *An Irish flower*

garden replanted (1997), 257.
illust: *The garden* **120** (1995): 595.



Dryopteris
Dryopteridaceae. Male-ferns.
See sub-section **Ferns**

