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**Kniphofia**

Asphodelaceae(Liliaceae). Red-hot pokers.

**K. triangularis 'Superba'**

syn: *Tritoma macowanii superba*

'Glaucous leaves and 2½ to 3 feet scapes of shining coral apricot flowers'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'a very beautiful form'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 117.

**K. tuckii 'Stalwart'**

syn: *Tritoma tuckii* 'Stalwart'

'in this var. [the flowers] are bright red and white and are borne on immense spikes on 6 ft. stems; the foliage is bold, handsome and glaucous.'

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

This white and red red-hot poker must have been a wonderful plant. It is doubtful, perhaps, whether it was a selection of the true species *K. tuckii*, now correctly named *K. ensifolia*.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 117.

The following cultivars were listed by the Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down, as selections of *Tritoma uvaria* – now named *Kniphofia uvaria* – but whether they belong to that species or not cannot now be determined as none is recorded in cultivation (cf. Taylor, 'Kniphofia – a survey', *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 129-160).

**K. uvaria 'Distinction'**

syn: *Tritoma uvaria* 'Distinction'

'Flower stem 5 feet long, flowers coral red, loosely set'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'a handsome plant ... a vigorous habited kind'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 117.

**K. uvaria 'Hercules'**

syn: *Tritoma uvaria* 'Hercules'

'Very stout stems, 4 to 5 feet high, and enormous club-shaped heads of bright orange red flowers, which fade to pale yellow'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; this one 'remains a long time in beauty, and its season is July, August and September'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 118.

**K. uvaria 'Meteor'**

syn: *Tritoma uvaria* 'Meteor'

'4ft; foot long heads of uniform apricot flowers in September'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'a distinct and handsome plant'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 118.

**K. uvaria 'Rubens'**

syn: *Tritoma uvaria* 'Rubens'

'of moderate growth, and has nearly spherical heads of glowing sealing wax-red' flowers. The flowers were said to retain their colour 'to the last'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'a very showy and distinct form'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 118.

**K. uvaria 'Sanguinea Robusta'**

syn: *Tritoma uvaria* 'Sanguinea Robusta'

'5 feet scape, and large head of bright crimson flowers', 'a very vigorous plant ... an extra free and showy kind'.

**Origin:** from Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry, Co. Down; 'a very beautiful form'.

**refs:** Nelson, *The new plantsman* 4 (1997): 98-114; Nelson & Grills, *Daisy Hill Nursery* (1998), 118. c.1891

**'Ada'**

'Plant to 3½ feet tall; flowering in August and September; rich tawny gold with dark contrasting stamens, lower florets remain fresh until all the spike is open.'

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

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 146. before 1917

**'Amber'**

Flower spikes to 2m tall; foliage dark green narrow, forming clump about 0.5m tall.

**Origin:** this name is used by Gary Dunlop for a plant he obtained from Mount Stewart, Co. Down. The original source of the plant was Guincho, the garden of Mrs Vera Mackie, and she called it 'John Benary' (but it is not that cultivar).

**refs:** G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 3 April 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries 1997 plant list*.

**'Amberlight' = 'Amber Seedling'****'Amber Seedling'**

syn: 'Amberlight' – used in 1964-1965 catalogue for first time 3 feet tall; compact golden amber spikes throughout the summer.

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

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 76; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 146 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244. c.1891

**'Canary Bird'**

3 feet tall; well-shaped spikes of yellow flowers tipped with amber; dwarf habit, continuous flowering.

**Origin:** one of a series of dwarf "red-hot pokers" raised at the Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down. c.1891

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 77; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 149; Taylor, 'Kniphofia', *The garden* 111 (1986): 549-553 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244.

**'Enchantress'**

'coral red shaded cream, unusual and beautiful. 2½-3 ft; flowering July to September'.

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

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 77; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 149 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244. c.1891

**'Goldfinch'**

'Amber-yellow flowers vigorous and free. 3½ ft'.

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

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, 'Glory of Donard' (1993), 77; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 152; Taylor, 'Kniphofia', *The garden* 111 (1986): 549-553 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244.

**'Mellow Yellow'**

Flowers 'old gold', on stems to 0.9, tall, flowering in mid-season.

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

**refs:** G. Dunlop (*in litt.* 25 January 1998); *Ballyrogan Nurseries plant lists 1996, 1997* [without description]. c.1891

**'Notung'**

c. 1997

Flowers in narrow spikes, buds dull bronzy orange, opening orange and fading quickly to white; flower stems to 1.2m tall, flowering in late summer.

**Origin:** raised by Gary Dunlop, Ballyrogan Nurseries, Newtownards, Co. Down, and named and introduced by him. The flower colours are strikingly contrasted.

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

**'Redstart'**

c. 1965

The 9 inch spikes of red-orange flowers are orange tipped, continuous in flowering and of dwarf habit.'

**Origin:** from Slieve Donard Nursery, Newcastle, Co. Down; 'the best of our latest range of hybrids.' 'Despite its name this charming little poker is not red but a clear orange.'

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 77; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 157; Taylor, '*Kniphofia*', *The garden* 111 (1986): 549-553 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244.

**'W. E. Gumbleton'**

No description traced.

**Origin:** named after William Edward Gumbleton, whose garden at Belgrove, East Ferry, not far from Cobh, Co. Cork, contained a fine collection of plants. 'Among other of the hobbies indulged in by the Master of Belgrove is a special liking for the Torch Lilies, or Flame Flowers (*Kniphofias*)...'

**ref:** Morley & Nelson, 'Irish horticulturists II: William Edward Gumbleton (1840-1911) connoisseur and bibliophile', *Garden history* 7 (3) (1979): 53-65; *Flora & sylvia* 1 (1903): 41-46.

**'Yellowhammer'**

before 1962

syn: 'Yellow Hammer'

Plants to 3 feet tall; flowers pure yellow (acid yellow from greenish buds); 'pure yellow spikes throughout the summer'.

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

**refs:** Nelson & Deane, '*Glory of Donard*' (1993), 77; *The plantsman* 7 (1985): 159; Taylor, '*Kniphofia*', *The garden* 111 (1986): 549-553 76; Thomas, *Perennial garden plants* (1990, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), 244.

