



R. Zoller. Island Sunset.

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It is with deep regret that the eulogy for Frank Waghorn is included in this issue, following his death in a car accident on November 7th.

The New Year has started disastrously here in New South Wales. In 1992 in Wollongong September was the driest month of the year, yet in 1993 it was the wettest and we had a good Spring. Since then there has been little good rain here and totals were only 86mm for October, 69mm for November and 37mm for December. In the past October was bushfire month and from then we had wet and humid weather. Now we have had very hot and very dry weather with temperatures around 36°C and humidity down to 12%. Add to that, strong and gusty winds and the garden displays an overall show of sunburnt leaves, Vireyas included.

At least we have seen little of the worst bush fires to occur in N.S.W. in history, but they are not over yet and anywhere within 200 metres of the bush may be endangered. The Botanic Garden, the Rhododendron Park and the University are all untouched fortunately. Weather patterns have certainly changed with the southern states suffering from rain and cold, during our heatwave.

An enlarged and updated version of Table 1, 'Vireya Hybrids' is included in this issue in the hope that it will be a useful ready reference.

But help is needed for this newsletter - your contributions are the only way to keep the newsletter going without more lengthy comments on the weather. Please send them to:-

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J.Clyde Smith.

### SMALL-LEAFED VIREYAS

Most small-leaved Vireya species are difficult and demanding to grow in dry or hot conditions. The reason for this is that most small leaved Vireya species come from high altitude and alpine areas where rainfall and mists are so heavy and frequent that the plants are always wet and cold.

It needs to be appreciated that all species have been in-bred over very long periods of time resulting in lowered activity and lowered tolerances to a narrow range of growing conditions. This inbreeding results in suppression of plant vigour and causes inbreeding depression. Because they are so used to getting their own way many species also resent being disturbed, pruned, or the application of fertilizers.

As a general rule, the larger the leaves the easier it is to cultivate the Vireya Species. The reason for this is that the species with larger leaves come from lower elevations which experience heat and both wet and dry periods. Because of this they have an in-bred tolerance to both heat and dryness. Experience has shown that the small-leaved Vireya species cannot tolerate any excessive dryness and that they do not like excessive periods of heat.

R.rubineiflorum, a real pygmy, is very slow growing and slow to flower. I had two cutting grown plants growing in the one fern log. In 2½ years they had reached a height of 3cm. In mid November '93, I moved one plant from the fern log into a potted growing mix. Despite much TLC and being placed in a cool position with wash from intermittent misting, it was immediately apparent that the small plant resented being moved. One month later it is still sulking and it is doubtful if it will survive.

Hybrids, especially between small and large leaved species are more tolerant of a wider range of conditions. This hybridisation results in plants that are much easier to grow, easier to flower, flower much earlier in life and are more floriferous than any of the parent species. A number of my R.rubineiflorum hybrids with 'Sunny' and with R.laetum x R.aurigeranum have been growing and flowering in full sun for the past eight months. Several of these hybrids had masses of flowers during November and early December '93; the only disadvantage was some fading of the colours. However with continuous 30°plus heat, they were moved on December 10th to shade house conditions where they will continue to thrive.

It was most interesting and fascinating to read in the latest issue of the American Vireya Vine (No.37, Nov.'93) the comments by the Editor, E.White Smith, on dwarf hybrids. He wrote, "My plant of R.macgregoriae x R.rubineiflorum is 4 inches high and 5 inches across with 22 flower buds. It blooms orange. But I also have a plant of (R.macgregoriae x R.laetum) x R.anagalliflorum that is 7 inches by 7 inches and it has 55 flower buds getting ready to open. This plant has white tinged pink flowers and wonderful red new foliage. These are great things and are just what we need if Vireyas are ever going to be popular as house plants."

R.rubineiflorum is closely related to R.anagalliflorum and was only determined as a separate species by Lyn Craven in 1980. As mentioned in the previous paragraph both the dwarf hybrids grown by E.White Smith are very compact and most floriferous. These attributes are similar to my R.rubineiflorum hybrids with 'Sunny' and with R.laetum x R.aurigeranum; each of which is very floriferous and easy to grow.

These compact dwarf hybrids herald a new advance in Vireya culture. The small size of these dwarf hybrids enables them to be fitted in anywhere and they are easily moved for display purposes. They are very showy and quite spectacular with masses of flower and are easy to grow and flower. Highly recommended!

Brian Clancy, Bentleigh, Victoria.

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Brian's comments on the weather seemed rather at odds with my memories of the Aust.Rhodo.Society's P.N.G. tours in 1981 and 1983. These tours, in August and early September, are remembered as being in very good weather, warm enough for shorts and shirt sleeves in the daytime but cold enough for a pullover at 6pm and two blankets later. In the daytime it was easy to become sunburnt in the high ultra-violet light intensity of the clean air at altitudes above 2,000 metres (6560'). We did have a few showers in the daytime and there was certainly plenty of mud around the roads.

Of course we were there for a short period only and weather is not always constant. Indeed in 1986 the New Zealand party were bothered by unexpectedly dry and dusty roads, very different from our experience, so brief encounters are no real guide.

In the booklet 'Guide to Mt.Kaindi' there is a much more comprehensive picture, as Mt.Kaindi, near Wau, has a climate which is stated to be similar to much of the New Guinea highlands. So, in the Highlands there is a lack of distinct seasons, no wet or dry season and the warmest and driest months being the time of our visits. Rainfall is moderate and evenly distributed throughout the year, winds are light, the humidity is high, there is considerable fog at night and a limited temperature range.

This lack of a dry season and the calm and damp air give conditions for continuous growth and plant activity. I had been told that it was difficult to establish many of our garden plants there and recently had quoted to me the example that lettuce grows well but runs to seed immediately.

Checking also on conditions in the Enga district (Wabag, Laiagam etc.) confirms the Mt. Kaindi experience - all records are recent - and refer to a moderately dry period in June and July but even then the monthly rainfall is not less than 100 mm. Most rain falls in the afternoon and evening, about 70% at night. The humidity at 2362 m. (7750') at Kaindi is about 90% with 100% humidity at night when fog drip which does not appear in the rainfall figures, is extensive and very significant in the



growth of the forests. At this altitude temperatures ranged from 11°C to 20°C - but frosts do occur in some areas. Few natives live anywhere above about 2440m (8,000') because of the frost damage to their gardens.

Away from the trade winds of the coastal ranges there are no high winds inland and this is obvious from the look of the trees and vegetation.

In the Enga Region (e.g. Wabag, Laiagam) temperatures vary from an average 12° to 22°C with the humidity ranging between 79% and 86% at 9am and from 65% to 75% at 3pm. Rainfall varies with altitude between 2000mm and 3500mm, while frosts occur periodically above 2200m.

'Alpine country' is listed at Mt. Kaindi as 3300m and higher (10830') but what constitutes alpine Vireyas as detailed in van Royen's 'the Alpine Flora of New Guinea' is not so simply defined. He notes that of the 160 species of Vireyas in New Guinea, 66 extend into the alpine zone and 32 of these were in cultivation in 1982. However the tables he shows of the altitude range of their occurrence extend far beyond 'alpine' areas. Of the 32 species that he lists rhododendrons Womersleyi, Saxafragoides, Pleianthum, Blackii, Christi, Hellwigii, Inconspicuum, Rarum, Rubineiflorum, Wrightianum, and Yelliottii would certainly be amongst the first to come to mind. It would seem that the 'alpine' classification applies to those plants growing in an area of a restricted altitudinal band, and it is their growth in other places that give them an extended altitudinal range, and this can be rather confusing, I find.

Editor.

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R.christi has not flowered for me as yet so I was very interested to see a plant of the cross 'Dr. Hermann Sleumer' x R.christi in flower this year, thanks to Miss Holmwood. It was a 1989 seedling from Dr. Rouse and had four flowers that were very much like R.christi in form and colour - not as brilliant but very promising.

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The Australian Garden Journal has an advertisement for the book 'Vireya Rhododendrons' in the August/September issue. So, if you are asked, it can be obtained from Box 500, Brentford Square, Victoria 3131, for \$15.00 including postage. Most credit cards are acceptable.

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A note from Lou Searle of Morton's Creek - when using Dynamic Lifter, which has a rather high ph value, he moistens the pellets and then mixes it up with flowers of sulphur to give it a good yellow coat. That makes it a fertilizer as good as any other.

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### Francis Robert Waghorn

Francis Robert Waghorn, known to all his myriad friends as Frank, died suddenly on 7th November 1993 at the age of 75 years. He had spent most of his working life as an instrument maker in research at the Kodak factory at Coburg, Victoria, and had lived for most of his life in the Box Hill area. Frank and his wife Laura were in their fifty-first year of marriage and for the last forty-odd years had lived in the same house in Box Hill where they had created a fine garden reflecting their common horticultural interests.

However these interests extended far beyond their own home garden for from a young age Frank had involved himself in a wide variety of horticultural organisations associated with the two genera in which he was deeply immersed, namely rhododendrons and camellias. At the time of his death he was a life member of the New Zealand Camellia Association, and belonged to the Ferny Creek Horticultural Society, The Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and the Victorian Branch of the Australian Rhododendron Society of which he was a foundation member. He had also belonged to the Australian Camellia Research Society for many years.

Neither Frank nor Laurie were passive members; Laurie has for many years been the Show Secretary for the Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Shows, widely acclaimed for the quality of their displays. Frank has conducted their Rhododendron Group activities for over twenty years and has been a major source of expertise on rhododendrons, especially on deciduous azaleas. Frank was involved with this group back in the nineteen-fifties in the period in which the Australian Rhododendron Society had its genesis from that group. He was one of the fifty-three members who founded the Australian Rhododendron Society in early 1960 and has ever since played an active part in both organisations.

His major function in the latter society has been that of National Registrar for the International Rhododendron Register kept by the Royal Horticultural Society at Kew in England. Frank has occupied that role for over ten years and during that period has registered many hundreds of plants for there has been a great increase in applications for registration, especially of *Vireya* rhododendrons in recent years. Although Frank has been nominally the Registrar it has been a very close partnership with Laurie, who has kept the comprehensive records meticulously. This honorary position has been very demanding of their time and resources, for it has involved them in much travel for sightings in addition to the clerical and administrative work.

In addition to serving the requirements of other plant breeders he found time to conduct his own comprehensive hybridising program and has already named and registered thirteen of his own hybrids. In addition there are many more of his crosses waiting to show their qualities in the next few years.

Frank has always been generous with his plant material and so often was able to produce those little rarities which are not to be found in the marketplace. However the greatest loss to the horticultural community is access to that vast reservoir of knowledge accumulated over so many years which he was always ready to share.

## Registered Vireya Hybrids

In Issue No.1 of September 1990 a table of the registered names of Vireya hybrids was started. This showed the parentage of each, where known, with the seed parents name being shown first.

Many more hybrids have been registered since then and this list is now brought up to date as a convenient way of looking up the parentage of a plant.

This will be followed in future issues by an update of all parents, whether species or hybrids, with their progeny, in a similar manner to Table 2 which commenced in Issue No.2.

TABLE 1

Ada Verspeek	konori x zoelleri	Channon Marie	(laetum x macgregoriae) x zoelleri
Aida's March	laetum x zoelleri	Charming	Saint Valentine
Alisa Nicole	lochae x gracilentum F2	Valentino	x Saint Valentine
Anatta Gold	(laetum x zoelleri) x (zoelleri x leucogigas aurigeranum x phaeoepalum)	Chayya	(laetum x macgregoriae) x zoelleri
Angi Gita	konori x (Pink Delight x jasminiflorum)	Cheeky Mandarin	(lochae x macgregoriae) x macgregoriae
Aravir	christianae x lochae F2	Cherry Harmony	Sweet Wendy x javanicum
Arthur's Choice	(laetum x [lochae x macgregoriae] x javanicum)	Cherry Pie	lochae x konori
Athanasius	{(phaeoepalum x lochae) x zoelleri} x Hunstein's Secret	Choc Orange	laetum x Sweet Wendy
Australia 11	laetum x zoelleri	Choirs of Angels	(phaeoepalum x lochae) x leucogigas
Autumn Berry Wine	rhodoleucum x konori	Christmas Past	lochae x pseudonitens
Barbara Crouch	konori x lochae	Christmas Present	lochae x brookeanum, gracile
Belisar	(laetum x zoelleri) x (macgregoriae x zoelleri)	Christopher Borch	laetum x jasminiflorum
Bellenden Coral	aurigeranum x konori	Christopher John	phaeoepalum x zoelleri
Benjamin Macdonald	a natural hybrid	Cinnamon Pink	unknown
Birat Red	Sweet Wendy x (laetum x laetum, dwarf)	Clare Crouch	culminicolum var. angienae x phaeochitum
Blond Venus	laetum x Sweet Wendy	Claremont	(laetum x zoelleri) x jasminiflorum punctatum
Blonde Bombshell	lochae x Hunstein's Secret	Clare Rouse	christianae x laetum
Bob's Crowning	leucogigas x laetum	Clarion Firm	(aurigeranum x lochae) x retusum
Glory	unknown x herzogii	Clipsie	Dr Herman Sleumer x (Pink Delight x jasminiflorum)
Bold Janus	{(konori x laetum) x commonae} x laetum	Clorinda	jasminiflorum x javanicum x Minerva.
Breathless	Tropic Glow x (lochae x macgregoriae)	Concerto for Brass	lochae x laetum
Bright Lights	Dr H. Sleumer x leucogigas	Coral Chance	macgregoriae x commonae
Brightly	macgregoriae x aurigeranum	Coral Chimes	macgregoriae x gracilentum
Brunswick Green	konori x aurigeranum	Coral Flare	lochae x laetum
Bulolo Gold		Cordial Orange	(Tropic Glow x Tropic Glow) x stenophyllum
Buttermilk		Craig Faragher	gracilentum x jasminiflorum
Cair Paravel	(Triumphans x javanicum) x leucogigas	Crimson Lightning	konori x javanicum
Cakes and Ale	(laetum x zoelleri) x (zoelleri x leucogigas)	Crimson Scallywag	commonae x inconspicuum
Calavar	konori x zoelleri	Crinolette	loranthiflorum x konori
Cameo Spice	laetum x zoelleri	Crisp DeRoy	laetum x (macgregoriae x zoelleri)
Cape Cod Cranberry	konori x lochae	Cristo Rey	(macgregoriae x zoelleri) x (laetum x zoelleri)
Cape Cod lobster	lochae x culminicolum	Cybelle Barbour	{(phaeoepalum x lochae) x leucogigas} x jasminiflorum
Cape Cod Sunshine	aurigeranum x laetum	Cyprian	zoelleri x Clorinda
Carillon Bells	gracilentum x laetum	Cyril	Leucogigas x (konori x laetum)
Catherine the Great	{(phaeoepalum x lochae) x zoelleri} x leucogigas		
Celebration	lochae x macgregoriae		
Cephas	Dr Herman Sleumer x leucogigas		



David Crouch	(aurigeranum x macgregoriae) x aurigeranum	Kaleidoscope	konori x christianae F2 (laetum x Dr Herman Sleumer)x(aurigeranum x Dr Herman Sleumer)
Diamond Jubilee	konori x zoelleri	Kay Catchlove	
Doll Tsarsheet	lochae x (lochae x konori)		
Donald Stanton	lochae x laetum	Kesumba	konori x (Dr Herman Sleumer x laetum)
Don Stanton	laetum x macgregoriae	Kiandra	zoelleri x brookeanum
Dressed to Kill	konori x christianae	Kisses	Tropic Glow x (lochae x macgregoriae)
Dr Herman Sleumer	phaeopeplum x zoelleri	Kurt Herbert Adler	phaeopeplum x lochae
Duchess Satin	konori x leucogigas		
Dulcie Leiliot	rhodoleucum x (aurigeranum x Dr Herman Sleumer)		
Eastern Zanzibar	konori x zoelleri		
Elation	zoelleri x leucogigas	Haloed Gold	christianae x Tropic Glow
Elizabeth Ann	(Dr Herman Sleumer x Pink Delight) x (Pink Delight x jasminiflorum)	Happy Wanderer	Oriana x Rosy Chimes
Seton	konori x orbiculatum (zoelleri x javanicum) x Dr Herman Sleumer	Hari's Choice	(Triumphans x javanicum) x leucogigas
Elizabeth Crouch	konori x laetum	Helen's Laughter	unknown
Emmanuel		Hendre	Arthur's Choice x wrightianum
Esprit-de-Joie		High Country	{(phaeopeplum x lochae)x leucogigas} x laetum
Faberg's Egg	(intranervatum x Pink Delight) x javanicum	Wedding	orbiculatum x (laetum x aurigeranum)
Felinda	(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas	Highland Arabesque	(phaeopeplum x lochae) x zoelleri
Ferdinand von	macgregoriae x lochae	Highland Fair	christianae x Sweet Wendy
Mueller		Highland Peter	(Dr Herman Sleumer x herzogii)x(laetum x aurigeranum)
Finnegan's	laetum x zoelleri	Pan	(laetum x zoelleri) x konori
Rainbow	(phaeopeplum x lochae) x zoelleri	Highland White	(Dr Herman Sleumer x herzogii)x(laetum x aurigeranum)
Fireplum	unknown x jasminiflorum	Jade	(laetum x zoelleri) x konori
First Light	aurigeranum x macgregoriae	Hilda Margaret	(Dr Herman Sleumer x herzogii)x(laetum x aurigeranum)
Flamenco Dancer	laetum x javanicum	Crouch	zoelleri x leucogigas
Flaming Ball	{(phaeopeplum x lochae) x zoelleri} x leucogigas	Hip-Hip-Hurrah	
Fuschia Lady		Hosanna	
Gardenia Odyssey	unknown	La-De-Da	christianae xjasminiflorum
Gentle Jenny	(macgregoriae x zoelleri) x jasminiflorum	Lady Clare	(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas
George Budgen	laetum x zoelleri	Lana's Gold	(christianae x laetum) x (laetum x zoelleri)
Gilded Sunrise	aurigeranum x laetum	Lawrence	lochae x pseudonitens
Glen Borch	Dr Herman Sleumer x laetum	Lazarus	(aurigeranum x Dr Herman Sleumer) x konori
Gossamer White	loranthiflorum x laetum	Lemon Minuet	(laetum x gracilentum) x gracilentum
Great Scent-sation	konori x lochae	Leonore Frances	macgregoriae x aurigeranum
Green with Envy	gardenia x (laetum x aurigeranum)	Liberty Bar	lochae x aurigeranum
Hotel on Mayfair	{(phaeopeplum x lochae)x leucogigas} x laetum	Little Nell	wrightianum x Dr Herman Sleumer
Hot Gossip	lochae hybrid x konori	Little Pinkie	(lochae x macgregoriae) x loranthiflorum
Hot Tropic	Tropic Glow x Tropic Glow	Littlest Angel	lochae x pauciflorum
Hugh Redgrove	unknown	Lochmin	lochae x jasminiflorum
Iced Primrose	aurigeranum x leucogigas	Lolly Willows	konori x laetum
Innuendo	multinervium x Wattle Bird	Lovey	konori x (phaeopeplum x zoelleri)
Irian Jaya	lochae x Pink Delight	Lucifer's Blush	laetum x unknown
Janelle Marie	Carillon Bells x gracilentum	Marjiam	Carillon Bells x wrightianum
Java Light	laetum x javanicum	Marshall Pierce	(Triumphans x javanicum) x leucogigas
Jean Baptist	(laetum x leucogigas) x phaeopeplum	Madison	(laetum x Dr Herman Sleumer)x (aurigeranum x Dr Herman Sleumer)
Jeremy Funder	(konori x rhodoleucum) x konori	Melbourne Cup	tetrum x pauciflorum
John Henry	Dr Herman Sleumer x leucogigas	Merry Christmas	Jasminiflorum x Princess Alexandra
Jolly Roger	Leucogigas x (phaeopeplum x lochae)	Minerva	christianae x dielsianum
Josephine Gordon	stenophyllum x commonae	Minnie Mouse	leucogigas x lochae
		Mistress Sue	konori x (Pink Delight x jasminiflorum)
		Moonwood	laetum x javanicum
		Mount Pire	{(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas} x laetum
		Mrs Elizabeth Miller	

NanCuten	aurigeranum x DrHerman Sleumer	Shantung Pink	(phaeopeplum x lochae)
Narnia	aurigeranum x zoelleri	Shantung Rose	x(leucogigas x laetum)
Ne Plus Ultra	javanicum x Duchess of Edinburgh		(phaeopeplum x lochae)
Nuigini Firebird	laetum x javanicum	Shasta	x(leucogigas x laetum)
			(konori x Pink Delight)
Orange Harmony	Sweet Wendy x javanicum		x jasminiflorum
Orange Wax	unknown	Silver Thimbles	Orania x anagalliflorum
Oriental Orange	aurigeranum x unknown	Simbu Sunset	laetum x zoelleri
Our Marcia	(DrHerman Sleumer x herzogii)	Sir George Holford	Javanicum x unknown
	x(laetum x aurigeranum)	Souvenir J.H.	{brookeanum x(jasminiflorum
Overflow	christianae x lochae F2	Mangles	xjavanicum) x javanicum
		Stanton's Glory	christianae x aurigeranum
Pacific MoonRise	sessilifolium x laetum	Star Posy	jasminiflorum x unknown
Pacific Shower	(lochae x macgregoriae)	Star Shower	(laetum x aurigeranum)
	x christianae		x retusum
Pacific Sundown	Apricot Nectar x zoelleri	Sunny	christianae x macgregoriae
Patrizia del Roma	[(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas] x laetum	Sunset Fantasy	(laetum x zoelleri) x
			(zoelleri x leucogigas
Pendance	jasminiflorum x christianae	Sweet Amanda	(DrHerman Sleumer x herzogii)
Pendragon	(lochaexlaetum) x macgregoriae		x (laetum x aurigeranum)
Pennywhistle	macgregoriae x bagobonum	Sweet Beatrice	rubineiflorum x macgregoriae
Penrice	aurigeranum x Pink Seedling	Sweet Cherubim	loranthiflorum x christianae
Penrose	lochae x aurigeranum	Sweet Mac	inconspicuum x macgregoriae
Personality	[(phaeopeplum x lochae) x zoelleri] x konori	Sweet Rosalea	konori x christianae
		Sweet Seraphim	loranthiflorum x christianae
Peter Valder One	Cristo Rey x javanicum	Sweet Wendy	laetum x phaeopeplum
Peter Valder Two	Cristo Rey x Javanicum		
Petra	christianae x jasminiflorum	Tashbaan	(Sir George Holford x leucogigas) x aurigeranum
Pindi Peach	laetum x phaeopeplum		
Pindi Pearl	laetum x phaeopeplum	Taylori	brookeanum x Princess Alexandra
Pink Creeper	20th century unknown		
Pink Delight	19th century unknown	Terebintha	Dr Herman Sleumer x Pink Delight
Pink Feathers	DrHerman Sleumer x zoelleri		
Pink Lightning	javanicum x konori	Tetramum	lochae x macgregoriae
Pink Pazazz	konori x zoelleri	Thief of Hearts	lochae x solitarium
Pink Sally	[(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas] x laetum	Thomas Becket	[(zoelleri x lochae) x zoelleri] x (aurigeranum x zoelleri
Pink Seedling	19th century unknown	Tiffany Rose	Taylori x leptanthum
Platinum Blonde	laetum x Sweet Wendy	Tinkerbells Flight	loranthiflorum x laetum
Poet Laureate	(Dr Herman Sleumer) x (laetum x aurigeranum)	Tom Lelliot	(laetum x zoelleri) x konori
		Tops of Kew	(phaeopeplum x lochae) x leucogigas
Popcorn	macgregoriae x loranthiflorum		
Pretty Cotton Candy	laetum x Pink Creeper	Torrid Affair	(zoelleri x konori) x brookeanum
Princess Alexandra	jasminiflorum x Princess Royal		
		Tosca's Kiss	leucogigas x (phaeopeplum x lochae) x zoelleri
Ratafia	DrHerman Sleumer x konori		
Ravalac	zoelleri x konori	Triumphans	Duchess of Edinburgh x javanicum
Red Prince	19th century unknown		
Red Rooster	zoelleri x (lochae x javanicum	Tropic Fanfare	javanicum x lochae
		Tropic Glow	laetum x zoelleri
Rich Amber	[(laetum x zoelleri) x zoelleri] x leucogigas	Tropic Splendor	Simbu Sunset x zoelleri
	(zoelleri x lochae) x konori	Tropic Summer	aurigeranum x macgregoriae
Robert Bates		Tropic Tango	Princess Alexandra x laetum
Robert Withers	christianae x aequabile	Vanilla Cream	konori x aurigeranum
Rob's Favourite	lochae x macgregoriae	Veronica Maureen	(christianae x lochae) x zoelleri
Rogue Red	saxafragoides x womersleyi		
Rosie Chimes	macgregoriae x gracilentum	Vladimir Bukovsky	laetum x Souvenir de J.H.Mangles
Rouseabout	aurigeranum x christianae		
Ruby Bells	(konori x laetum) x commonae		
		Wattle Bird	laetum x aurigeranum
Saint Valentine	lochae x gracilentum	Wee Willy Winkie	macgregoriae x stenophyllum
San Gabriel	(macgregoriae x aurigeranum) x Dr Herman Sleumer	Wentworth	konori x lochae
		Weston Glow	(javanicum x lochae) x laetum
Scarlet Beauty	laetum x Triumphans		
Scotchburn White	unknown	White Rum	Dr Herman Sleumer x konori
Semper Fidelis	(laetum x leucogigas) x konori	Wild Redhead	retusum x javanicum
		Zoe Elloise	Dr Herman Sleumer x zoelleri