

# Meconopsis Group Seed Exchange

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Dear Colleague,

Once again it is my pleasure, as Seed Exchange Manager for The Meconopsis Group, to invite you to donate seed. The seed exchange has been running for well over a decade and most members have reported excellent results from the seed which has been distributed. Even so, we still need to ensure that we can maintain these high standards. I, therefore, respectfully ask donors to add any supporting information about their seed donation if it comes from significant taxa. This is particularly important with *Meconopsis grandis*, *M. simplicifolia*, *M. latifolia* and *M. 'Lingholm'*. If you can supply digital photos of the mother plant (e.g. flower, leaf, seed head), this would be most helpful.

Most fertile, large, perennial blue poppy hybrids will probably be *M. 'Lingholm'* (Fertile Blue Group). If you are not sure of its status, please label it "*Meconopsis, Fertile blue Group*", or if you are sure that it is distinct from *M. 'Lingholm'* please make this clear.

In addition to Meconopsis seed we would be delighted to receive seed of desirable 'companion plants' to augment the seed list. Last year there was a great demand for *Anemonopsis macrophylla* (double form), *Glaucidium palmatum* var. *leucanthum*, *Lilium formosanum*, *Narcissus bulbocodium* var. *citrinus*, *Primula forrestii*, *Primula prenantha*, *Pulsatilla caucasica* and *Rheum nobile*.

Please send your seed donation by 1st November to the above address. Seed can be accepted after this date if a list of promised seed is sent by e-mail or post prior to the deadline. If you wish to receive the seed exchange list by post, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your donation.

A seed-list will be produced in early November, posted out to those who have provided a stamped SAE and e-mailed to all other Group members. If you have altered your e-mail address, please e-mail me so that I can update my data-base.

Each member will be entitled to request **single** packets of up to 10 items for a payment of £5 to cover the costs incurred by the seed exchange (Non-UK members have prepaid for the seed through their annual subscription). Additional packets, subject to availability, may be requested at 50p each. As is normal practice with seed exchanges, priority will be given to donors. All of this information is on the seed exchange web-page.

As intimated in the Newsletter, seed of *M. delavayi*, *M. punicea* and *M. quintuplinervia* was distributed this August to those members who pre-ordered last year. The same arrangement will be in place this year. Members may pre-order these three species (subject to availability) for an autumn sowing in 2016, **as part of their 10 item selection for the current year**. This does not exclude them from ordering the same species for the current year.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Scott