

MECONOPSIS GROUP SEED EXCHANGE 2015/2016

Welcome to the 2015/16 seed exchange. Please indicate your desiderata by placing a 'X' in the box, and 5 alternatives by placing an 'A' in the box. For UK members there is a nominal charge of £5 per consignment (10 packets) to cover costs.

Seed of *M. delavayi*, *M. punicea* and *M. quintuplinervia* can be requested in advance for August 2016 (assuming that they will be available), **as part of the current 10 packet consignment**. Those wishing to order in advance for next August should include a 2nd class (Large) stamp to cover the additional postage. Ordering seed in advance for next August does not prevent you from ordering the same species in this current year.

You may order extra packets of seed, at a charge of 50p per packet, according to availability.

Non-UK members have already paid for their seed as part of their annual subscription.

Make your cheque payable to 'The Meconopsis Group' and send it, together with your seed request, to:

Ian Scott, 6 Hays Road, The Gauldry, Fife, DD6 8SJ

Please remember to complete the return address label. There is **no need** to send a self-addressed envelope. Those who have pre-paid can send their seed request by e-mail: ianscottryvoan@btinternet.com

US members must have a 'Small Lots of Seeds' permit, issued by APHIS. You can find details of how to get a permit at: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/smalllots_seed.shtml

The 'Small Lots' permit is the only one not requiring phytosanitary certification in the UK. Together with your seed request, we need a copy of your permit with the conditions attached to it, and a green and yellow customs quarantine label. You can make your seed selection online, but no seed will be dispatched until we have your permit documents and customs label. We understand that the permit lasts for 3 years and can be re-used.

If you encounter problems, e-mail ianscottryvoan@btinternet.com for advice.

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NOTES

In order to help with identification, Meconopsis Group Seed code numbers (e.g. MGS#3) have been given to distinct varieties of species, and also to some probable hybrids, whose parentage is not fully known. Please write these MGS numbers on your seed labels and use them when donating seed, from the plants you raise.

MGS#1: A distinctive small-growing, fertile form or hybrid of *M. baileyi*.

MGS#2: A cluster-flowered form of *M. baileyi* which originated in Sweden (Gote Svanholm).

MGS#3: A hybrid between *M. betonicifolia* and *M. baileyi*, which originated in Alaska.

MGS#4: A wavy-petalled form of *M. grandis* selected from ES#104 which should be the same as *M. 'Himal Sky'*.

MGS#5: Seed from a perennial form of *M. punicea*.

MECONOPSIS GROUP SEED DONORS

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The Meconopsis Group Committee thanks all those who, so generously, have donated seed this year to provide a wonderful list of species and cultivars. We wish you all, successful gardening in the forthcoming year.

