

# 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 prolonged hot dry weather in early summer probably has had an adverse effect on seed production, but please donate as generously as you can. I can only distribute what I receive, as seldom is there a surplus of seed left over which can be stored for the following year.

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. If you are not certain about the identity of the plant, please supply photographs or background information.

As previously intimated, I will accept seed from named clones (e.g. M. 'Jimmy Bayne, M. 'Barney's Blue' etc.) This seed will be listed as Meconopsis Group Seed (MGS# number) and is intended for research and hybridising purposes only. A list of the clone seed numbers is available on the Meconopsis Group Forum at: <http://www.meconopsis.org/forum/index.php?topic=239.0> Seed of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation (e.g. ex M. 'Jim's Ex') should be sent to alternative seed exchanges.

In addition to Meconopsis seed I would be delighted to receive seed of **choice** 'companion plants' to augment the seed list. Last year there was a great demand for *Arisaema candidissimum*, *Cardiocrinum cordatum* var. *glehnii*, *Codonopsis ovata*, *Fritillaria eduardii*, *Lilium lophophorum*, *Lilium nanum*, *Primula amoena*, *Primula scotica*, *Ranzania japonica* and *Silene delavayi*.

Please send your seed donation (2<sup>nd</sup> class **LARGE**) to the above address by **22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Seed can be accepted after this date if a list of promised seed is sent by e-mail prior to the deadline. Likewise if you are intending to give me seed at the Meconopsis Group meeting in October, please let me have a list of your donations in advance. A seed-list will be produced in early November, posted out to those who do not have internet access, and e-mailed to all other Group members.

Fully paid members 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.

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 2019, **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.

I will e-mail U.S. members if they need to up-date their APHIS permits. If this cannot be achieved in time, I will try to find another U.S. member to act as a courier.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Scott