



DELPHINIUM FINAL REPORT 2009



Delphiniums on the Trials Field, RHS Garden Wisley, June 2009

- Trial Entries:** There were 84 entries in this long-term trial of Delphiniums, 51 of which already held the Award of Garden Merit (AGM); as such they were not judged but used as a standard for comparison. The majority of entries were *D. elatum* but the trial also included five entries in the Belladonna group [Nos. 80-84]. Three plants of each entry for assessment were grown and two plants of each AGM cultivar.
- Objectives:** To assess, compare and demonstrate a range of cultivars, in the open ground, for growth and decorative qualities.
- Judging:** The Delphinium Sub-Committee assessed entries in the trial for the Award of Garden Merit (AGM) using the following criteria: vigour, perenniality, impact, colour, form and quality of flower and foliage. Members of the Committee inspected the 2009 trial at Wisley on 9, 16, 23 June and 1 September, recommending the AGM to one entry.
- Flowering records:** Start and end of flowering.
- Cultivation:** Plants from the 2007 trial were lifted once the leaves had died down in autumn and then kept reasonably dry in pots in a poly-tunnel until the first week in January 2008. The plants were then brought into a glasshouse at a temperature of 18°C and watered in with a fungicide. Cuttings were taken and

rooted in moist perlite during January/February. After potting up and hardening off, the entries were planted out on 5 May 2008, along with any fresh stock requested, and were spaced 85cm apart. In March 2008 before planting out, a top dressing of ammonium sulphate was applied to the trials plot at a rate of 65g/m². To prevent excessive growth no further nitrogen was applied in the second year.

Canes supported the plants in their first year and wire mesh cages in the second. Irrigation from drip lines was provided as required. Fungicide and pesticide treatments were used as necessary to control mildew, aphids and caterpillars.

The Committee awarded the Society's **Award of Garden Merit (H4)** to the following entry, - **subject to availability. This award cannot be published until queries on availability have been resolved:**

'Carol Fishenden' AGM (H4) 2009, subject to availability.

Raised by Mr T N Murphy and sent by Mr J Fishenden. **To be available from:** John Barrington, Newport Mills Nursery, Wrantage, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 6DJ.



A vigorous, spreading perennial to 2m. Free flowering, with 6-8 tapering spikes per crown. Each spike typically 70 to 100 cm, with several strong laterals. Flowers; semi-double, 5 to 7 cm in diameter, long stalked, sky blue in colour, closest to 101 C. Brown eye, closest to N 200 A, with flecks of blue. Flowering from 6/6/09 to 11/7/09. 50% flowering 23/6/09.

Neat, well-formed blooms, providing a mass of colour. Blooms exceed 50% of plant height. Attractive sky blue floret and black eye with light blue stripes. Flowering period is early June to early July.

H4 = plants hardy throughout the British Isles

Photographic records of the AGM winner were made and are kept at Wisley.

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2009 Delphinium Trial

No.	Plant Name	Raiser	Sender	AGM
<i>D. elatum</i> entries				
1	'Ailsa'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	
2	'Christine Harbutt'	K Harbutt	Rougham Hall	
3	'Dunsden Green'	D McGlashan	L Cooper	
4	'Foxhill Nina'	L T Harrison	L Cooper	2008
5	'Caroline Woodfield'	M Woodfield	M Woodfield	
6	'Cranberry Delight' (Seedling S9f)	J Flowerday	J Flowerday	
7	'Pink Ruffles'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
8	'Langdon's Titania'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
9	'Clifford Lass'	M Woodfield	M Woodfield	
10	Incorrect Plants			
11	'Ruby Tuesday'	J H Barrington	J H Barrington	
12	'Jenny Agutter'	J H Barrington	J H Barrington	
13	'Tiger Eye'	R Banks	R Banks	
14	'Gordon Forsyth'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
15	'Sarita'	Dowdeswell	Darwin Plants	
16	'After Midnight'	V Labati	J H Barrington	
17	'Amadeus'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
18	'Ann Woodfield'	M Woodfield	M Woodfield	
19	'Anne Kenrick'	M Woodfield	M Woodfield	
20	'Gertrude Sahin'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	
21	'Joan Edwards'	C R Edwards	I Butterfield	
22	'Skyline'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
23	'Carol Fishenden'	T N Murphy	J Fishenden	
24	'Margaret'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	
25	'Raymond Lister'	Mrs J C Bott	L Cooper	
26	'Shimmer'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	
27	Seedling Dishforth1	G West	G West	
28	Incorrect Plants			
29	'Vanessa Mae'	J H Barrington	J H Barrington	
30	'Ambrose Wood'	T N Murphy	J Fishenden	
31	'Purple Ruffles'	Blackmore & Langdon	Darwin Plants	
32	'My Dark'	K Boxall	K Boxall	
AGM Display				
33	'Jill Curley'	D McGlashan	D Bassett	2006
34a	Incorrect Plant			
34b	'Atholl'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	2001
35	'Constance Rivett'	R C G Rowe	R C G Rowe	1998
36	'Elizabeth Cook'	W A Cook	W A Cook	2000
37	'Lilian Bassett'	D Bassett	D Bassett	1995
38	'Sandpiper'	R Latty	J H Barrington	1993
39	'Olive Poppleton'	C R Edwards	C R Edwards	2000
40	'Atholl'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	2001
41	'Celebration'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	2003
42	'Sungleam'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
43	'Kennington Classic'	T N Murphy	R Joslyn	2007
44	'Sunkissed'	N G Moody	Blackmore & Langdon	2000

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45	'Claire'	C R Edwards	C R Edwards	1998
46	'Summerfield Miranda'	D Bassett	D Bassett	1993
47	'Our Deb'	Woodfield	M Woodfield	1996
48	'Cherub'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	2001
49	'Langdon's Royal Flush'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
50	'Rosemary Brock'	D Bassett	D Bassett	1993
51	'Lucia Sahin'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	2001
52	'Conspicuous'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
53	'Walton Gemstone'	H Wilkins	M Woodfield	1996
54	'Gillian Dallas'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
55	'Min'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	1994
56	'Oliver'	Woodfield	M Woodfield	1998
57	'Holly Cookland Wilkins'	H Wilkins	M Woodfield	2007
58	'Tiddles'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
59	'Spindrift'	Cowan	R Latty	1993
60	'Blue Dawn'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
61	'Kestrel'	P W Milton	P W Milton	2006
62	'Clifford Sky'	M Woodfield	M Woodfield	1999
63	'Loch Leven'	Cowan	J H Barrington	1993
64	'Lord Butler'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
65	'David Mannion'	K Harbutt	Rougham Hall	2003
66	'Fenella'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
67	'Thamesmead'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	1996
68	'Langdon's Blue Lagoon'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	2004
69	'Langdon's Pandora'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	2003
70	'Faust'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
71	'Susan Edmunds'	D A Edmunds	D A Edmunds	2006
72	'Galileo'	S E Bassett	D Bassett	2002
73	'Blue Nile'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1993
74	'Can Can'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	1999
75	'Giotto'	D Bassett	D Bassett	1993
76	'Bruce'	D McGlashan	D McGlashan	1993
77	'Michael Ayres'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1998
78	'Purple Velvet'	N Moody	Blackmore & Langdon	2006
79	'Cassius'	Blackmore & Langdon	Blackmore & Langdon	1996
Belladonna Group				
80	'Ballkleid'	In Germany	Rougham Hall	
81	'Delft Blue'	K Heemskerk	Darwin Plants	
82	'Piccolo'	Weinreich	Rougham Hall	
Belladonna AGM				
83	'Atlantis'	In Germany	R Watts	2001
84	'Volkerfrieden'	In Germany	R Watts	2003

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