

REPORT OF TRIAL OF DIASCIA 1994/1995

Previous Trial: None

Objective: To assess, compare and demonstrate a range of species and cultivars, submitted by individuals, nurserymen and gardens in the United Kingdom.

Culture: One plant of each entry was submitted in spring 1994 from which three plants were propagated and planted out in late June 1994. Plants that did not survive the winter were replaced with fresh stock on 11 May 1995.

Entries: There were 81 entries submitted for trial as listed below.

Records: A record was made of the date of first flowering and of the winter survival of each entry.

Judging: Members of the Floral 'A' Trials sub-committee inspected the trial on 6, 21 June, 6 and 19 July and 17 August 1995 and recommended the Award of Garden Merit (AGM) to 13 entries. Some cultivars had received the Award previously and are marked accordingly.

The sub-committee considered the following criteria:-

habit; impact; colour; hardiness; vigour

Entries, Senders and Awards:

Entry No.	Cultivar Name	Sender	Award
1.	'Woodcote'	L W Plants	
2.	'Lilac Mist'	Elliott	AGM (H3-4) 1995
3.	'Lilac Mist'	Harrison	
4.	'Lilac Mist'	RBG Edinburgh	
5.	<i>D. anastrepta</i>	RHS Wisley	
6.	<i>D. anastrepta</i>	Boulby	
7.	<i>D. anastrepta</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
8.	<i>D. mollis</i> (* <i>D. anastrepta</i> 'Big Leaf')	Clay	
9.	<i>D. barberae</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
10.	<i>D. barberae</i>	Fisher	
11.	<i>D. megathura</i>	Elliott	
12.	'Dark Eyes'	Boulby	AGM (H3-4) 1995
13.	'Blackthorn Apricot'	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3-4) 1995
14.	'Blackthorn Apricot'	Blackthorn	AGM (H3-4) 1995
15.	'Blackthorn Apricot'	The Herbarry	AGM (H3-4) 1995
16.	'Joyce's Choice'	L W Plants	AGM (H3-4) 1995
17.	'Joyce's Choice'	RBG Edinburgh	AGM (H3-4) 1995
18.	'Joyce's Choice'	Harrison	AGM (H3-4) 1995
19.	'Lady Valerie'	Harrison	AGM (H3-4) 1995
20.	'Stella'	Harrison	
21.	'Salmon Supreme'	Boulby	
22.	'Salmon Supreme'	Fisher	
23.	'Salmon Supreme'	RHS Wisley	
24.	'Elliot's Variety'	RBG Edinburgh	
25.	<i>Nemesia</i> (* 'Elliot's Variety')	Fisher	
26.	<i>D. stachyoides</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
27.	<i>D. vigilis</i> (* <i>D. stachyoides</i>)	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3) 1993
28.	<i>D. vigilis</i>	Fisher	AGM (H3) 1993
29.	<i>D. vigilis</i>	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3) 1993
30.	<i>D. vigilis</i>	RBG Edinburgh	AGM (H3) 1993

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Entry No.	Cultivar Name	Sender	Award
31.	<i>D. vigilis</i>	The Herbarry	AGM (H3) 1993
32.	<i>D. fetcaniensis</i> (* <i>D. vigilis</i>)	Royal Sluis	
33.	<i>D. vigilis</i> x `Elliot's Variety'	RHS Wisley	
34.	`Elizabeth'	Harrison	AGM (H3-4) 1995
35.	`Pink Queen'	Fisher	
36.	<i>D. fetcaniensis</i>	Boulby	
37.	<i>D. fetcaniensis</i>	RHS Wisley	
38.	<i>D. fetcaniensis</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
39.	`Frisly'	Boulby	AGM (H3-4) 1995
40.	<i>D. barberae</i> `Fisher's Flora' (* <i>D. cordifolia</i>)	Fisher	AGM (H3-4) 1995
41.	`Hector's Hardy'	Boulby	AGM (H3-4) 1995
42.	`Lilac Belle' (* `Ruby Field')	Elliott	
43.	<i>D. barberae</i> `Ruby Field' (* `Ruby Field)	Fisher	AGM (H4) 1993
44.	<i>D. barberae</i> `Ruby Field' (* `Ruby Field)	Boulby	AGM (H4) 1993
45.	<i>D. barberae</i> `Ruby Field' (* `Ruby Field)	Royal Sluis	AGM (H4) 1993
46.	`Jacqueline's Joy'	Harrison	
47.	`Twinkle'	Harrison	AGM (H3-4) 1995
48.	`Twinkle'	L W Plants	AGM (H3-4) 1995
49.	<i>D. lilacina</i>	RHS Wisley	
50.	<i>D. lilacina</i>	The Herbarry	
51.	<i>D. lilacina</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
52.	`Lilac Belle'	Elliott	AGM (H3-4) 1995
53.	`Lilac Belle'	Fisher	AGM (H3-4) 1995
54.	`Lilac Belle'	Boulby	AGM (H3-4) 1995
55.	`Lilac Belle'	Royal Sluis	
56.	`Lilac Belle'	L W Plants	
57.	`Little Fiona'	Boulby	
58.	`Lilac Lace'	Boulby	
59.	`Lilac Dream'	Harrison	
60.	`Wendy'	Harrison	
61.	`Hopley's Apricot'	L W Plants	
62.	`Rupert Lambert'	L W Plants	AGM (H3-4) 1995
63.	`Rupert Lambert'	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3-4) 1995
64.	`Emma'	Harrison	
65.	`Emma'	Boulby	
66.	<i>D. integerrima</i>	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3-4) 1995
67.	<i>D. integerrima</i>	Elliott	
68.	<i>D. integerrima</i>	RBG Edinburgh	AGM (H3-4) 1995
69.	<i>D. integerrima</i>	Fisher	AGM (H3-4) 1995
70.	<i>D. integerrima</i>	Boulby	AGM (H3-4) 1995
71.	`Rose Queen'	RHS Wisley	
72.	<i>D. patens</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
73.	<i>D. patens</i>	Elliott	
74.	<i>D. rigescens</i>	Boulby	AGM (H3) 1993
75.	<i>D. rigescens</i>	RHS Wisley	AGM (H3) 1993
76.	<i>D. rigescens</i>	Fisher	AGM (H3) 1993
77.	<i>D. rigescens</i>	RBG Edinburgh	AGM (H3) 1993
78.	<i>D. rigescens</i>	The Herbarry	AGM (H3) 1993
79.	`Christine'	Boulby	
80.	<i>D. megathura</i>	RBG Edinburgh	
81.	<i>D. mollis</i>	L W Plants	

(*) = submitted as

Summary of entries recommended for award:

The number under which the entry was grown is given in brackets after the description.

D. barberae 'Fisher's Flora' AGM (H3-4) 21 June 1995. (Sent by Kaytie Fisher, South End Cottage, Long Reach, Ockham, Surrey GU23 6PF.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 1.5cm long, 1cm wide, ovate, dull dark green. Inflorescence 6cm long; flower 2cm high, 2cm wide, deep pink (51C) flushed deep pink (50B); spur 1.5cm long, very slightly curved, colour as petals. Flowering from 5 June 1995. [40]

'Blackthorn Apricot' AGM (H3-4) 21 June 1995. (Sent by The Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB; Blackthorn Nursery, Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 ONL; and The Herbarium Plant Centre, 89 Station Road, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 5QQ.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 2.5cm long, 1cm wide, ovate, sparsely toothed, dull mid-green. Inflorescence 20cm long; flower 2.5cm high, 2cm wide, light yellowish pink (29C) tinged light orange (29B); spur 1cm long, slightly curved, moderate reddish orange (35A), slightly greyed at tip. Flowering from 5 June 1995. [13,14,15]

'Dark Eyes' AGM (H3-4) 19 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by C J Boulby, Church View Cottage, Main Street, Barmby Moor, nr York, YO4 5EF.) Plant 20 to 25cm high. Leaves 2cm long, 1cm wide, ovate to lanceolate, dull mid-green. Inflorescence 5cm long; flower 1.5cm high, 1.7cm wide, strong pink (52D) flushed deep pink (52C); spur 8mm long, slightly curved, colour as petals but tinged violet. Flowering from 26 June 1995. [12]

'Elizabeth' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised and sent by H D Harrison, 37 Ermine Street, Appleby, Scunthorpe, DN15 OAA.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 2cm long, 1.5cm wide, ovate to deltoid, dull moderate olive green (137A). Inflorescence 15cm long; flower 2.5cm high, 2cm wide, deep purplish pink (58D) flushed deep pink (51C); spur 1cm long, straight, deep purplish pink (58D) tipped strong violet (86B). Flowering from 26 June 1995. [34]

'Filly' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by C J Boulby.) Plant 35cm high. Leaves 2cm long, 1 cm wide, ovate, dull mid-green. Inflorescence 7cm long; flower 2.5cm high, 2.2cm wide, a colour between strong pink (54C) and deep purplish pink (54B), margins frilled; spur 8mm long, fairly straight, pink tipped violet. Flowering from 26 June 1995. [39]

'Hector's Hardy' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by C J Boulby.) Plant 25cm high. Leaves 2.5cm long, 5mm wide, lanceolate, dull moderate yellow green (137B). Inflorescence 5cm long; flower 1.8cm high, 1.5cm wide, deep pink (51B); spur 8mm long, slightly curved, pink tinged and tipped dark violet. Flowering from 19 June 1995. [41]

D. integerrima AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Sent by The Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley; The Royal Botanic Garden, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR; Kaytie Fisher; and C J Boulby.) Plant 45cm high. Leaves 2cm long, 5mm wide, lanceolate, darker than moderate olive green (137A) with grey bloom. Inflorescence 10cm long; flower 2cm high, 2cm wide, strong pink (52D) flushed deep pink (52C); spur 8mm long, fairly straight, very pale pink with black violet tips. Flowering from 5 June 1995. [66,68,69,70]

'Joyce's Choice' AGM (H3-4) 19 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by L W Plants, 23 Wroxham Way, Harpenden, Herts AL5 4PP; The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh; and H D Harrison.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 2.5cm long, 2cm wide, ovate, sparsely toothed, dull mid-green. Inflorescence 30cm long; flower 2cm high, 1.5cm wide, light yellowish pink (37D) flushed strong yellowish pink (37B); spur 8mm long, very slightly curved, strong yellowish pink (37A) tinged violet. Flowering from 29 May 1995. [16,17,18]

`Lady Valerie' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised and sent by H D Harrison.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 1.5cm long, 1cm wide, ovate, dull moderate olive green (137A). Inflorescence 12cm long; flower 2cm high, 2cm wide, strong yellowish pink (32D) flushed strong yellowish pink (33C); spur 7mm long, straight, moderate reddish orange (35B) tipped moderate violet (86A). Flowering from 1 July 1995. [19]

`Lilac Belle' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by Dr J Elliott, Coldham, Little Chart Forstal, Ashford, Kent TN27 OPU; Kaytie Fisher; and C J Boulby.) Plant 22cm high. Leaves 1.5cm long, 1cm wide, ovate, sparsely toothed, dull moderate olive green (137A), deeply veined. Inflorescence 3cm long; flower 1.5cm high, 1.3cm wide, a colour between deep purplish pink (73A) and strong purplish pink (73B), eye strong purplish red (64B); spur 2mm long, short, slightly curved, deep purplish pink (73A) tipped strong purplish red (64B). Flowering from 5 June 1995. [52,53,54]

`Lilac Mist' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent Dr J Elliott.) Plant 40cm high. Leaves 3cm long, 1.5cm wide, ovate, sparsely toothed, dull moderate olive green (137A). Inflorescence 6cm long; flower 1.5cm high, 1.5cm wide, light purplish pink (68D) flushed strong purplish pink (68B) particularly at margins and reverse; spur 5mm long, short, slightly curved, strong purplish pink (68B). Flowering from 26 June 1995. [2]

`Rupert Lambert' AGM (H3-4) 6 July 1995. (Sent by L W Plants; and The Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley.) Plant 40cm high. Leaves 2.5cm long, 1cm wide, lanceolate, dull moderate olive green (147A). Inflorescence 15cm long; flower 2.5cm high, 2cm wide, deep pink (51C) flushed deep pink (51B); spur 8mm long, slightly curved, moderate pink (51D) tipped grey. Flowering from 5 June 1995. [62,63]

`Twinkle' AGM (H3-4) 21 June 1995. (Raised by H D Harrison; sent by H D Harrison; and L W Plants.) Plant 30cm high. Leaves 2cm long, 1.5cm wide, ovate, sparsely toothed, dull moderate olive green (137A). Inflorescence 10cm long; flower 2cm high, 1.5cm wide, deep purplish pink (67C); spur 5mm long, slightly curved, strong purplish pink (67D), tips flushed brilliant violet (92A). Flowering from 29 May 1995. [47,48]

H3-4 = plants hardy outside in some regions or in particular situations.

Photographic records of the AGM winners were taken and are held at Wisley.

Weather Notes:

	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Total rainfall: 1994		89.2mm	186.2mm	282.4mm
1995	104.3mm	85.1mm		
Lowest min temp: 1994		3.5°C	-1.3°C	-6.3°C
1995	-4.1°C	7°C		
Highest max temp: 1994		31.4°C	21.1°C	14.4°C
1995	26.7°C	31.3°C		

Names and Addresses of Senders of Plants to the Trial and relevant entry numbers

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South Humberside DN15 0AA

Nos. 3,18,19,20,34,46,47,59,60,64.

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Church View Cottage
Main Street
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North Humberside YO4 5EF

Nos. 6,12,21,36,39,41,44,54,
57,58,65,70,74,79

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89 Station Road
Herne Bay
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Nos. 15,31,50,78.

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No. 8

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