

## Report of Trial of Japanese anemone 1995 - 1997

- Objectives** To assess and compare currently available species and cultivars of Japanese anemone for garden worthiness and to award those plants fulfilling the criteria, the Award of Garden Merit.  
To determine correct nomenclature. To describe, collect herbarium specimens and photograph the plants which received the Award of Garden Merit or had no previous record in the Herbarium at Wisley.  
To highlight the genus and enable visitors, both amateur and professional, to inspect the range of the group.
- Entries** Initially 49 entries were assembled, a further 12 entries were accepted in 1995 and 1996. Senders included the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and Edinburgh, National Collection holders, specialists, nurserymen and individuals in U.K.  
  
Three plants of each entry were planted on 7 April 1995.
- Judging** Floral Trials Subcommittee assessed and judged the trial over two years  
(4 visits in 1996 and 6 times in 1997)
- Criteria:** habit : vigour : colour : quality of flower : amount and period of flowering : foliage
- Records** Flowering period
- Results** 3 cultivars received the Award of Garden Merit

### Entries, Senders and Awards

	Name	Entered as	Sender
1.	<i>A. matsudae</i>	KR 0130	McKendrick
2.	<i>A. hupehensis</i>		RHS Wisley
3.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> B & L 12356	<i>hupehensis</i> B & L 12356	Brickell
4.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> JR58	<i>hupehensis</i> JR 58	Brickell
5.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> f. <i>alba</i> B & L 12470	<i>hupehensis</i> B & L 12470	Brickell
6.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> f. <i>alba</i> B & L 12470	<i>hupehensis</i> B & L 12470	RBG Edinburgh
7.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> f. <i>alba</i> CLD 628	<i>hupehensis</i> CLD 628	RBG Edinburgh

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8.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>hupehensis</i> CLD 618	<i>hupehensis</i> CLD 618	RBG Edinburgh
9.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i>		Mr Ogisu c/o Mr G S Thomas Cally Gdns
10.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i>		
11.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> 'Bowles Pink' AGM (H4) 1997		Bridgemere Nrs
12.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> 'Bowles Pink' AGM (H4) 1997		Parker Jervis
13.	<i>hupehensis</i> 'Hadspen Abundance' AGM (H4) 1993		Hadspen Nrs
14.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> 'Superba'	<i>hupehensis</i> 'Hadspen Abundance'	RHS Wisley
15.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> 'Hadspen Abundance' AGM (H4) 1993		Bridgemere Nrs
16.	<i>A. x hybrida</i> 'Rosenschale'	<i>hupehensis</i> 'Rosenschale'	Cally Gdns
17.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> 'Superba'		Thomas
18.	<i>A. x hybrida</i> 'September Charm' AGM (H4) 1993		Bridgemere Nrs
19.	<i>hupehensis</i> 'Praecox'		Bridgemere Nrs
20.	<i>A. x hybrida</i> 'Honorine Jobert' AGM (H4) 1993	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Luise Uhint'	RHS Wisley
21.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Honorine Jobert' AGM (H4) 1993		Bridgemere Nrs
22.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Whirlwind'		Bridgemere Nrs
23.	<i>tomentosa</i> form	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Géante des Blanches'	RHS Wisley
24.	<i>x hupehensis</i> 'Splendens'		Bridgemere Nrs
25.	<i>x hupehensis</i> 'Splendens'	'Splendens'	RHS Wisley
26.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Lady Gilmour'	Fringed Leaf	McKendrick
27.	<i>x hybrida</i> ? **	'Lady Gilmour'	RHS Wisley
28.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Richard Ahrens'	'Richard Ahrens'	Cally Gdns
29.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Richard Ahrens'		Bridgemere Nrs
30.	'Tall Pink'		NT Sissinghurst
31.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Elegans' AGM (H4) 1997		Bridgemere Nrs

	Name	Entered as	Sender
32.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Königin Charlotte AGM (H4) 1993		Bridgemere Nrs
33.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Königin Charlotte' AGM (H4) 1993		RHS Wisley
34.	<i>x hybrida</i> ? **	'Mont Rose'	Cally Gdns
35.	<i>x hybrida</i> ? **	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Monterosa'	Bridgemere Nrs
36.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Pamina' AGM (H4) 1997	'Pamina'	Bridgemere Nrs
37.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Pamina' AGM (H4) 1997	'Pamina'	Cally Gdns
38.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Elegans' AGM (H4) 1997	'Albert Schweitzer'	RHS Wisley
39.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Elegans' AGM (H4) 1997	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Max Vogel'	RHS Wisley
40.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Prinz Heinrich' AGM (H4) 1993	<i>hupehensis</i> var <i>japonica</i> 'Bodnant Burgundy'	Bridgemere Nrs
41.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Prinz Heinrich' AGM (H4) 1993		Bridgemere Nrs
42.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Prinz Heinrich' AGM (H4) 1993		RHS Wisley
43.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Prinz Heinrich' AGM (H4) 1993	<i>hupehensis</i> var <i>japonica</i> 'Bressingham Glow'	RHS Wisley
44.	<i>A. hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Prinz Heinrich' AGM (H4) 1993	<i>hupehensis</i> var <i>japonica</i> 'Bressingham Glow'	Bridgemere Nrs
45.	<i>A. tomentosa</i>	<i>vitifolia</i> McB 1959	RBG Edinburgh
46.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Elegans'	<i>tomentosa</i>	RHS Wisley
47.	<i>A. tomentosa</i> 'Robustissima'		Bridgemere Nrs
48.	<i>x hybrida</i> ? **	'Margarete'	Waterperry
49.	<i>vitifolia</i>		RBG Kew
50.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Honorine Jobert' AGM (H4) 1993	'Rotkäppchen'	Cotswold Gdn
51.	<i>x hybrida</i> ?	White Seedling	Abbey Dore
52.	<i>x hybrida</i> ? **	'Terry's Pink'	Dagley
53.	<i>A. tomentosa</i> 'Robustissima'	'Rotkäppchen'	von Zeppelin
54.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Rosenschale'		von Zeppelin
55.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Lady Gilmour'	'Crispa'	R D Plants

	Name	Entered as	Sender
56.	<i>x hybrida</i> 'Loreley'	'Lorelei'	Oudolf
57.	<i>x hybrida</i> as 'Andrea Atkinson'	'Andrea Atkinson'	Oudolf
58.	<i>x hybrida</i> as 'Elegantissima'	'Elegantissima'	Burwell
59.	<i>x hybrida</i> as 'Simplicity'	'Simplicity'	Burwell
60.	<i>x hybrida</i> as 'Josephine'	'Josephine'	Burwell
61.	<i>x hybrida</i> as 'Louise Uhint'	'Louise Uhint'	RHS Hyde Hall

\*\* name under investigation

#### Summary of entries recommended for Award:

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

***A. hupehensis* 'Bowles' Pink' AGM (H4) 25 September 1997** (sent by Bridgemere Nurseries, Bridgemere, nr Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7QB; and Mrs E Parker Jervis, Marten's Hall Farm, Longworth, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 5EP)

Plant 130cm tall (foliage to 60cm) and 70cm spread, staking required. Habit erect and floriferous. Leaves 17-25cm wide, 18-25cm long composed of three palmate, toothed leaflets, glabrous, mid green. Flowering stems green flushed dark red (187A). Flower asymmetric 7x5cm diameter, tepals 5, margins crimped and slightly reflexed, 3x1.8cm or 3.5x2cm, strong reddish purple (78A/B/C), margin light purple (84C), reverse pale purple (84B), the two outer tepals are smaller, thicker and more intense in colour. Many dainty buds. Prominent strong yellow green (145A) carpel surrounded by erect ruff of vivid yellow (15B) stamens approx. 5mm long. Flowering from mid August to mid October. [11 and 12]

***A. x hybrida* . 'Elegans' AGM (H4) 25 September 1997** (sent by Bridgemere Nurseries, Bridgemere, nr Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7QB)

Plant 150cm (foliage to 60cm) tall and 90cm spread, staking not required. Habit tall narrow and airy. Leaves 28x28cm, composed of three palmate, toothed leaflets, dull green. Flowering stems, base stout becoming slender, many flowers held high above foliage. Flower 8cm diameter, tepals 7-10, slightly cupped, light purple (75B) fading to very pale purple (69B) at margins, 4x3cm, obovate with slightly wavy edges, reverse moderate to strong reddish purple (78B/C) with silky hairs. Rosy-coloured silky buds. Flowers resistant to wind and rain damage. Flowering from mid August to mid October. [31]

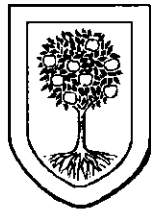
***A. hupehensis* var. *japonica* 'Pamina' AGM (H4) 25 September 1997** (sent by Bridgemere Nurseries, Bridgemere, nr Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7QB; and Cally Gardens, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, Scotland DG7 2DJ.)

Plant 110cm (foliage 40cm) tall, 70cm spread, staking required. Habit compact. Leaves 16-20cm long and 14-18wide, composed of three palmate, toothed leaflets, dull green. Flower 5-6cm diameter, tepals 40 plus, 2-3cm long, 0.3-0.5cm wide, strong reddish purple (70B) to deep purplish pink (70C), reverse appears lighter in colour due to silky hairs. Flowering from mid August to mid October [36]

H4 = plants hardy outside throughout the British Isles

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## **JAPANESE ANEMONE**

Descriptions and key of Japanese anemone  
grown in  
The Royal Horticultural Society's Trial 1995 - 1997

The Herbarium and Trials Office of  
The Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB  
in association with Miss Margaret McKendrick, National Collection Holder

This key and the descriptions have been prepared following a trial held at the RHS Garden at Wisley from 1995 – 1997. The object of the Trial was to consider the all-round merits of each entry, and those judged to be of outstanding excellence for garden decoration have been recommended for the Award of Garden Merit (H4).

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The judgment of this field trial at Wisley was undertaken by the Floral Trials Committee, using the wide experience of Committee members.

Criteria:

vigour ; habit; colour, form and quality of flower; foliage

At the same time, a taxonomic study was made to confirm the identity of the plants. Some of the 61 entries, although distinct, were under the same name, whilst others of similar appearance were entered under different names.

Seedlings may appear that show only slight variation from these named cultivars. These will be unnamed and it is important to be aware of them.

In the interest of stability of names, Standard Specimens, with descriptions and photographs of all the plants mentioned, have been deposited in the RHS Herbarium at Wisley.

## AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT (H4) 1997

### *A. hupehensis* 'Bowles' Pink'

Sent by Bridgemere Nurseries, Bridgemere, Nr Nantwich, Cheshire CW5 7QB  
and by Mrs E Parker Jervis, Marten's Hall Farm, Longworth, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 5EP.

### *A. × hybrida* 'Elegans'

Sent by Bridgemere Nurseries.

### *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica* 'Pamina'

Sent by Bridgemere Nurseries  
and by Cally Gardens, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, Scotland DG7 2DJ.



## Descriptions of Japanese anemones in the RHS Trial

Flower colour is identified from the RHS Colour Chart, but varies considerably as the flower ages, and on different soil types. An indication of the colour is given in words.

### *A. vitifolia* Vine-leaved anemone

Leaves heart-shaped on long petioles, with 5 indentations.

Tepals 5 or 6, 28-34-42mm × 17-22-28mm.

Colour white, outside of tepals flushed pink and green.

Found in the temperate Himalayas from Afghanistan to Yunnan, but may be doubtfully hardy in some areas of this country.

### *A. matsudae*

Some basal leaves heart-shaped and 5-lobed, but most with 3 leaflets and shallow indentations.

Tepals 5 or 6, 32-37-43mm × 20-28-37mm, rounded and overlapping.

Colour white, outside tepals flushed pink.

Native to China. Collected from Mount Omei.

### *A. tomentosa*

Leaves large, with 3 leaflets, deeply toothed, and lower surface thickly covered with silky, white hairs.

Tepals 5, 20-27-32mm × 14-18-26mm, even in size. Early flowering.

Colour 75D (pale purplish violet).

Found on the mountains of western China from Tibet to Kansu.

### *A. tomentosa* 'Robustissima'

Leaves large, with 3 leaflets; lower surface grey crystalline, with long hairs, mostly on the veins but less than the species. Flowering stem reddish-purple.

Tepals 5, 33-35-38mm × 18-24-29mm.

Colour 75B, C & D (medium to pale purplish violet).

A seedling, raised in 1900 by Lemoine, parentage unknown.

### *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis*

Leaves with 3 leaflets, lower surface green, hairs only on the veins.

Tepals 5, rounded and overlapping, 3

Purplish pink to white includes 2 forma.

Found widespread in central and western China. Collected by Sylvestri 1904-1907, introduced by Lemoine 1908.

### *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis* forma *hupehensis*

Tepals 5, 23-30-36mm × 19-23-27mm

Colour 70B (medium purple).

### *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis* forma *alba*

Tepals 5, 24-27-31mm × 16-20-24mm.

Colour white, outside of tepals flushed purple.

Collected from Yunnan.

### *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica*

Leaves with 3 leaflets, lower surface green, hairs only on the veins (as *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis*).

Tepals 17-20-24, 20-36-46mm × 6-14-21mm, narrow and rolled under at the edges, often twisted and distorted. Several of the outer petals are green, giving the appearance of the missing calyx.

Colour 70B (medium purple).

Originally seen in Japan in 1695 but later found, probably as a garden escape, throughout China. Introduced by Fortune in 1843.

**Cultivars of *A. hupehensis* with a high count of fertile pollen.** (Fertile pollen stains with aceto-carmin, infertile pollen is colourless and deformed in shape.)

**‘Hadspen Abundance’** AGM 1993

Tepals 5, 19-27-38mm × 12-18-28mm, rounded at the tip but narrowed at the base with 2 smaller tepals darker in colour.

Colour 70 A to C (pale to medium purple)

Introduced by Eric Smith.

**‘Bowles’ Pink’** AGM 1997

Tepals 5, 25-31-35mm × 13-20-28mm, narrow at base and crimped at the tip, slightly twisted and deformed.

Colour 70A to 71A (medium to deep violet purple).

A selection by E A Bowles.

**‘Splendens’**

Tepals 5, 20-30-34mm × 17-20-21mm, with 2 smaller tepals.

Colour paler than 72B (pale violet purple).

Introduced by Ahrends 1928.

**‘Superba’**

Tepals 5, 24-31-35mm × 25-27-31mm, rounded, regular and overlapping at the base with 2 smaller tepals.

Colour 70B. (medium purple).

Introduced by Lindner in 1931, a supposed hybrid between *A. hupehensis* and ‘Königin Charlotte’.

**‘Praecox’**

Tepals 5, 21-26-31mm × 16-22-30mm, rounded and overlapping.

Flowering at about the same time as *A. tomentosa*; the earliest of the *A. hupehensis* types.

Colour 70A to C (deep to medium violet purple).

Introduced by Ahrends 1936.

**Cultivars of *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica* with a high count of fertile pollen.**

**‘Prinz Heinrich’** syn. ‘Prince Henry’ AGM 1993

Tepals 14-16-19, 13-32-48mm × 7-14-21mm, narrow and quilled, notched at the tip and often deformed.

Colour 70B (medium purple).

Introduced by Pfitzer 1902.

**‘Rotcapchen’**

Tepals 24-25-26, 20-25-43mm × 5-12-18mm, very similar to ‘Prinz Heinrich’ but with more tepals and a smaller flower.

Colour 70A (medium violet purple)

**‘Pamina’**

Tepals 23-27-30, 15-26-32mm × 3-10-18mm, flattened and less distorted, forming a tight rosette.

Colour 70C (medium purple)

## **Cultivars of *Anemone* × *hybrida***

### **‘Elegans’** AGM 1997

Leaves with 3 leaflets, green on the lower side, hairs only on the veins.

Tepals 7-9-11, 25-35-42mm × 10-23-30mm, variable in size and shape with an occasional small, deformed tepal in the centre.

Colour 75A & B (medium purplish violet).

### **‘Lady Gilmour’** syn. ‘Crispa’

Leaves large and formed of 3 leaflets with short petioles, fringed along the edge like curled parsley.

Tepals 7-10-12, 15-46-55mm × 5-25-37mm, the variability in size and distortion of the tepals produces rather untidy flowers.

Colour 65B & C (pale purple).

This plant, discovered in a garden in Devonshire, appears to be identical with that described by the Rev. Wolley Dod in 1895 and believed lost. The name ‘Lady Gilmour’ is quoted in 1906.

It is an unstable form and may produce leaves which are not fringed and identical with those of the cultivar ‘Elegans’. Of the two stocks in the Trials, one with the best leaves produced the most untidy flowers and the one with the best flowers produced the most unstable fringing to the leaves.

### **‘September Charm’** AGM 1993

Tepals 5, 20-35-42mm × 20-26-31mm, often irregularly shaded with 2 tepals darker. The small number of tepals, and the regular, rounded shape suggests that this cultivar belongs in the ‘*hupehensis*’ group, but as it has a very low count of fertile pollen, it seems to fit best here, but with parentage unknown and showing more of the ‘*hupehensis*’ characters than other hybrids.

Colour 70D (pale violet purple).

Introduced by Bristol Nurseries, USA, 1932.

### **‘Richard Ahrens’**

Petioles of the 2 basal leaflets are short, causing the edges of the leaflets to overlap.

Tepals 5-6, 28-33-50mm × 10-28-37mm, irregular in shape, broad at the tip and overlapping; very uniform in colour.

Colour 75D (pale violet purple).

Introduced by Pfitzer in 1921.

### **‘Rosenschale’**

Leaf with 3 leaflets with short petioles and leaflet edges overlapping.

Tepals 7-8-9, 33-43-50mm × 10-24-30mm, irregular in size and shape, broad at the tip and narrow at the base; also irregularly coloured.

Colour 70D to 73D (pale violet purple).

Introduced by Haagemann in 1978.

### **‘Königin Charlotte’** syn. ‘Queen Charlotte’ AGM 1993

Leaf of 3 leaflets with short petioles causing leaflet edges to overlap.

Tepals 9-13-21, 25-40-55mm × 5-24-37mm, curled inwards at the edges, and notched at the tips.

Colour 69B (pale violet purple).

Introduced by Lemoine in 1906.

### **‘Margarete’/‘Montrose’**

Tepals 22-30-37, 20-38-55mm × 6-14-27mm, with numerous narrow, often distorted tepals with notched tips. Produces secondary flowers on short stems immediately below the main flowers.

Colour 69A (pale purple)

Stocks which were indistinguishable were received under both cultivar names and further work is required to establish which is the valid name.

This plant is still available in the trade under the name ‘Lady Gilmour’, from whose garden the original stock was obtained and causing confusion with the true ‘Lady Gilmour’.

**‘Honorine Jobert’** AGM 1993

Vegetative characters indistinguishable from those of *A. × hybrida* ‘Elegans’ and believed to be a sport from the latter, arising in the garden of M. Jobert at Verdun in 1858.

Tepals 7-9-10, 31-35-40mm × 18-24-29mm.

Colour white, outside of tepals flushed pink.

**‘Géante des Blanches’**

Leaf with 3 leaflets, the short petioles allowing the leaf edges to overlap.

Tepals 13-18-24, 19-34-47mm × 5-22-33mm.

Colour white, outside of tepals flushed green.

Very similar to ‘Königin Charlotte’ in all but flower colour.

Introduced by Lemoine in 1906.

**‘Whirlwind’**

Tepals 21-23-27, 15-31-42 × 3-14-23mm, narrow and flattened with inner ones distorted.

Colour white, outside of tepals flushed green. Some outer tepals wholly green.

Secondary flowers produced on short stalks immediately under the primary flower.

Introduced by James Vick of Rochester, New York, in 1887.

**The following entries in the Trial were not distinguishable from cultivars described above:**

‘Luise Uhink’ see ‘Honorine Jobert’

‘Albert Schweitzer’ see *A. × hybrida* ‘Elegans’

‘Max Vogel’ see *A. × hybrida* ‘Elegans’

‘Bodnant Burgundy’ see *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica*. The true ‘Bodnant Burgundy’ is under investigation

‘Bressingham Glow’ see ‘Prinz Heinrich’

‘Terry’s Pink’ see ‘Margarete’/‘Montrose’

**Plants insufficiently mature to be judged** (These were plants received and planted in 1996.)

**‘Loreley’** All AGM pre 1994 were rescinded.

Leaf of 3 leaflets with short petioles causing leaflet edges to overlap.

Tepals 11-16-21, 13-36-53 × 2-21-36mm, similar in appearance to ‘Königin Charlotte’ but flowers but paler in colour.

Colour 75C & D (pale purplish violet).

Introduced by Lemoine in 1906.

**‘Andrea Atkinson’**

Tepals 8-9-10, 32-37-46 × 12-24-27mm.

Colour white.

Very similar to ‘Honorine Jobert’ with a slightly larger flower.

**‘Elegantissima’**

Single pink flowers and leaflets with bases overlapping.

**‘Simplicity’**

Single white flower’.

**‘Josephine’**

No flowers seen.

## Key to Japanese anemones in the RHS Trials

1a	Leaves undivided	<i>vitifolia</i>	
b	Leaves with 3 leaflets	2	
2a	Leaflets with shallow indentations	<i>matsudae</i>	
b	Leaflets deeply indented	3	
3a	Leaflets with a frilled edge	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Lady Gilmour’	
b	Leaflets without a frilled edge	4	
4a	Underside of leaves grey	5	
b	Underside of leaves green	6	
5a	Underside of leaves covered with white hair	<i>tomentosa</i>	
b	Underside with hairs on the veins only	<i>tomentosa</i> ‘Robustissima’	
6a	Flowers with 5-6 tepals	7	
b	Flowers with more than 6 tepals	15	
7a	Flowers white	<i>hupehensis</i> f. <i>alba</i>	
b	Flowers pink	8	
8a	Flowers pale pink	9	
b	Flowers dark pink	11	
9a	Tepals irregular in shape	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Richard Ahrens’	
b	Tepals more or less regular in shape	10	
10a	Tepals all the same colour	<i>hupehensis</i>	Note 1
b	Flower with 2 tepals darker in colour	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘September Charm’	
11a	Plant flowering 2 weeks earlier than other cultivars	<i>hupehensis</i> ‘Praecox’	
b	Plant not early flowering	12	
12a	Tepals all much the same colour	13	
b	Flower with 2 tepals darker in colour	14	
13a	Tepals as broad as long	<i>hupehensis</i> ‘Superba’	
b	Tepals longer than broad	<i>hupehensis</i> ‘Splendens’	
14a	Tepals rounded	‘Hadspen Abundance’	
b	Tepals irregular in shape	‘Bowles’ Pink’	
15a	Flowers with 8-16 tepals	16	
b	Flowers with more than 16 tepals	21	
16a	Flowers white	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Honorine Jobert’	Note 3
b	Flowers pink	17	
17a	Flowers pale pink	18	
b	Flowers dark pink	<i>hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> ‘Prinz Heinrich’	Note 2
18a	Tepals curled and crimped at edges	19	
b	Tepals not curled and crimped	20	
19a	Flowers about 8cm in diameter	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Königin Charlotte’	
b	Flowers about 6cm in diameter	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Loreley’	
20a	Flower tepals uniform in colour	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Elegans’	
b	Flowers with some darker tepals	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Rosenschale’	
21a	Flowers with 17-25 tepals	22	
b	Flowers with more than 25 tepals	× <i>hybrida</i> ‘Margarete’/‘Montrose’	
22a	Flowers white	23	
b	Flowers dark pink	24	

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| 23a | Tepals narrow                          | × <i>hybrida</i> 'Whirlwind'                    | Note 4 |
| b   | Tepals broad                           | × <i>hybrida</i> 'Géante des Blanches'          |        |
| 24a | Tepals narrow forming a neat rosette   | <i>hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Pamina' |        |
| b   | Tepals narrow but twisted and deformed | <i>hupehensis</i> var. <i>japonica</i>          |        |

- Note 1:** Flowers keying out as *A. hupehensis* may be of 2 different shades of pink:
1. pale pink – *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis*
  2. medium pink – *A. hupehensis* var. *hupehensis* forma *hupehensis*.

Sometimes the cultivars derived from *A. hupehensis* can show a variable amount of colour in the tepals, so taxa keying out at numbers 10 and 12 should be referred to the descriptions.

- Note 2:** Flowers which have more tepals than 'Prinz Heinrich' and smaller flowers than *A. hupehensis* var. *japonica* may be 'Rotcapchen'.

- Note 3:** Flowers keying out as 'Honorine Jobert; but with a larger flower could be 'Andrea Atkinson'.

- Note 4:** The name of cultivar 'Louise Uhink' may be seen in gardens. Plants with large white double flowers may be this cultivar but its true identity is uncertain.

The genus *Anemone* has only one ring of floral leaves outside the stamens, and these are called tepals since it is not easy to decide whether they are the petals or sepals which make up the two rings of structures in most flowers.

Specimens, descriptions and photographs of plants in the Trial, and other Japanese anemones, are held in the Herbarium of the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley Garden.

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