



BULB LOG 40.....2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013



This is the last Bulb Log I am writing before I depart for a trip to North America, I am touring around mostly the East, visiting both the USA and Canada. I have listed the Chapters I am visiting and the dates I will be there at the end of the log: if you want more information check out the [NARGS web site](#) or contact them through that platform.



I have prepared logs for the next four weeks and obviously they will not be on what is in flower in the garden during October but I hope you will find them interesting.

Colchicums are among the star performers again this week.



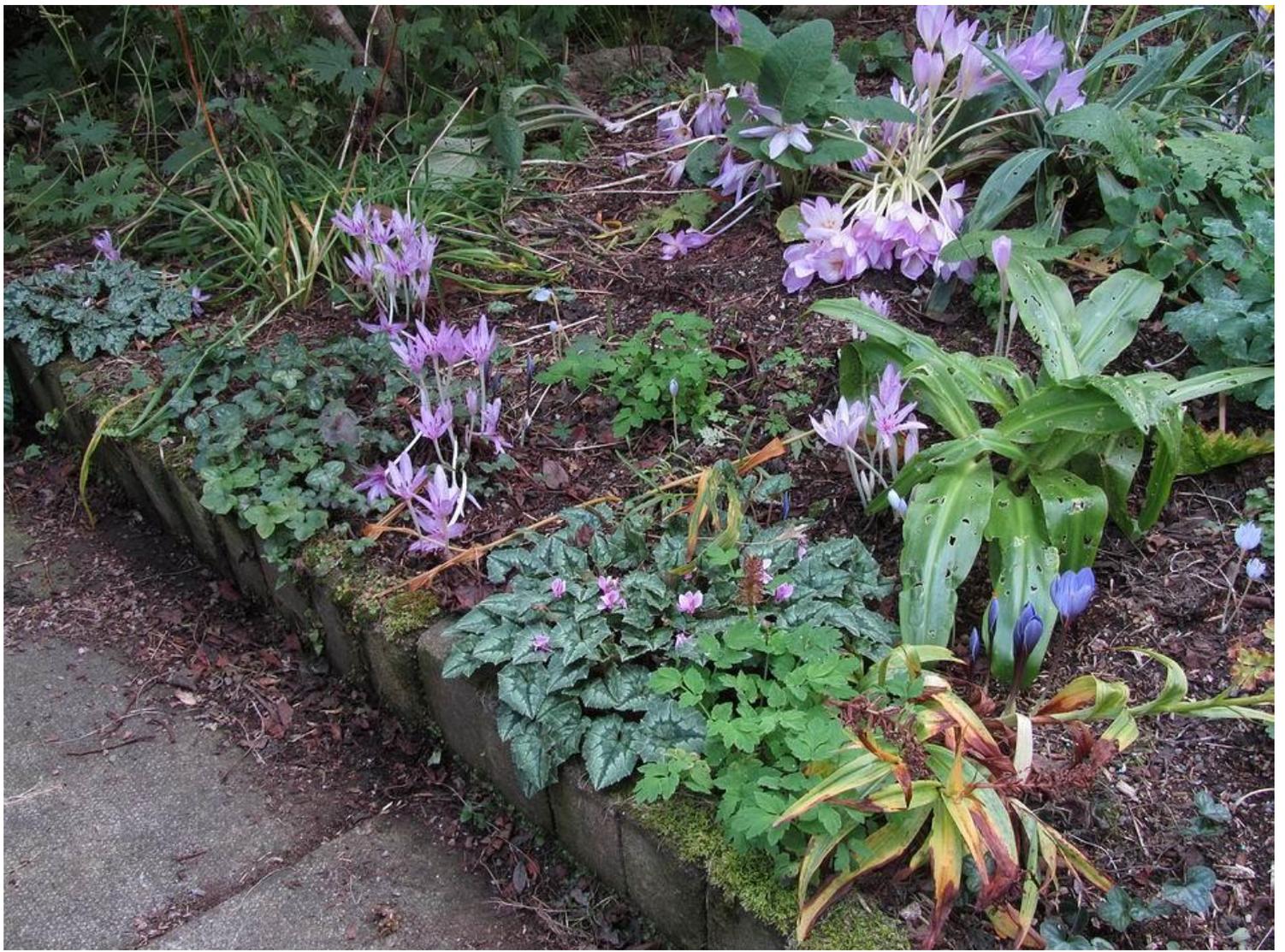
I have two distinct forms of **Colchicum agrippinum** - there is less contrast in the colours of the checkering in the one above which also has more rounded petals.



The second form of **Colchicum agrippinum** has more dramatic checkering and pointed petals. Both forms grow well and have smaller leaves than most of the other large species making them excellent plants for the rock garden.



**Colchicum and Crocus**



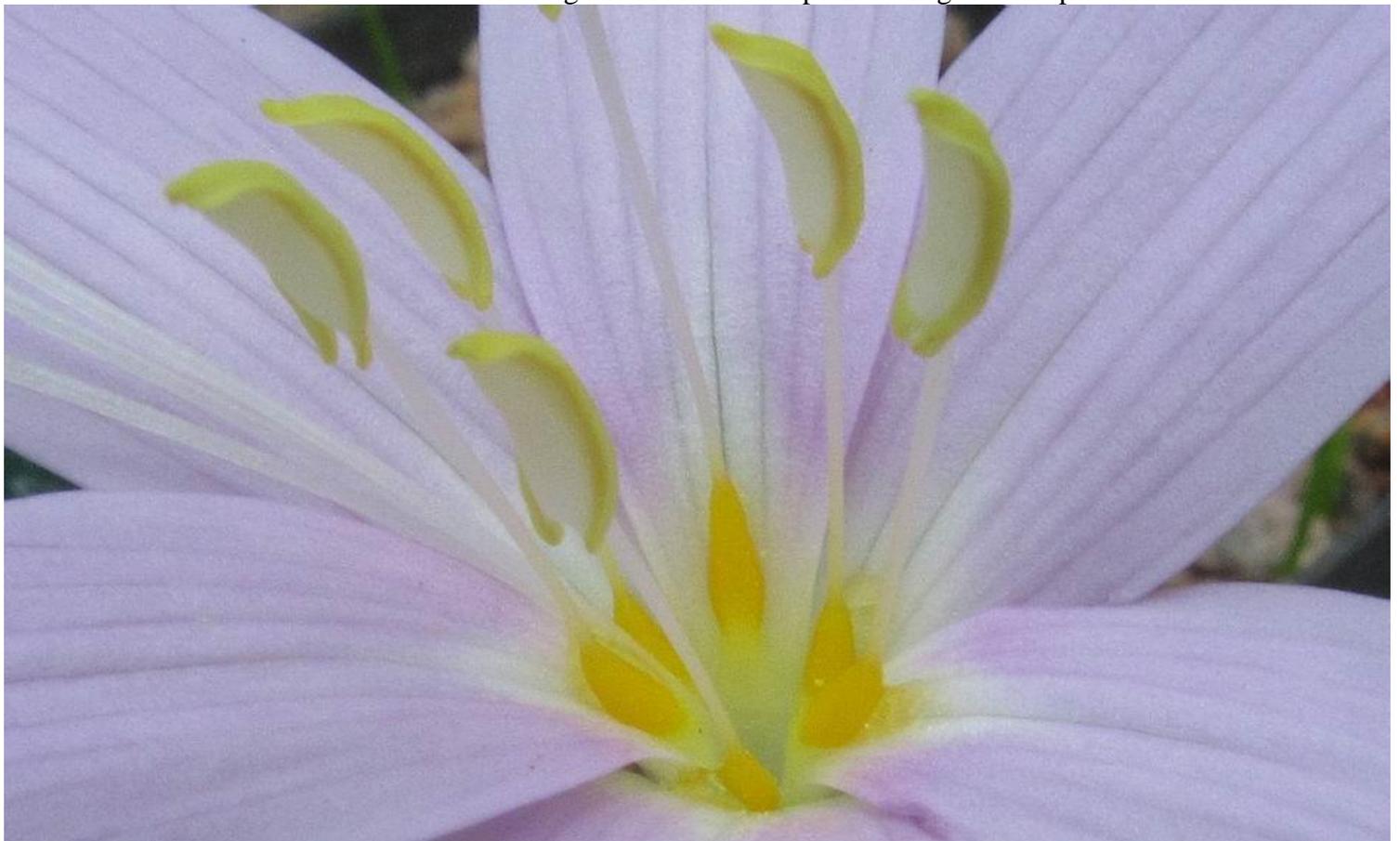
Even after strong winds and rain flattened some of the flowers to the ground they remain open and attractive.



***Colchicum speciosum album***



I love the contrast between the green tubes and the pure white goblet shaped flowers.



**Colchicum baytopiorum**

When you look carefully you will see the yellow blotches are the swollen bases of the filaments.



**Colchicum baytopiorum**



This is a *Colchicum baytopiorum* which I received from a friend and planted out into a sand bed.



Colchicum baytopiorum seen growing top right in this sand bed along with crocus species and hybrids. The recent strong wind and rain has knocked many of the flowers over.



Mostly **Crocus speciosus x pulchellus** here enjoying the sunshine. Both Crocus and Colchicum produce multiple flowers from a single corm replacing those that have been flattened by the weather.



**Cyclamen mirabile and Crocus vallicola showing the difference in size.**



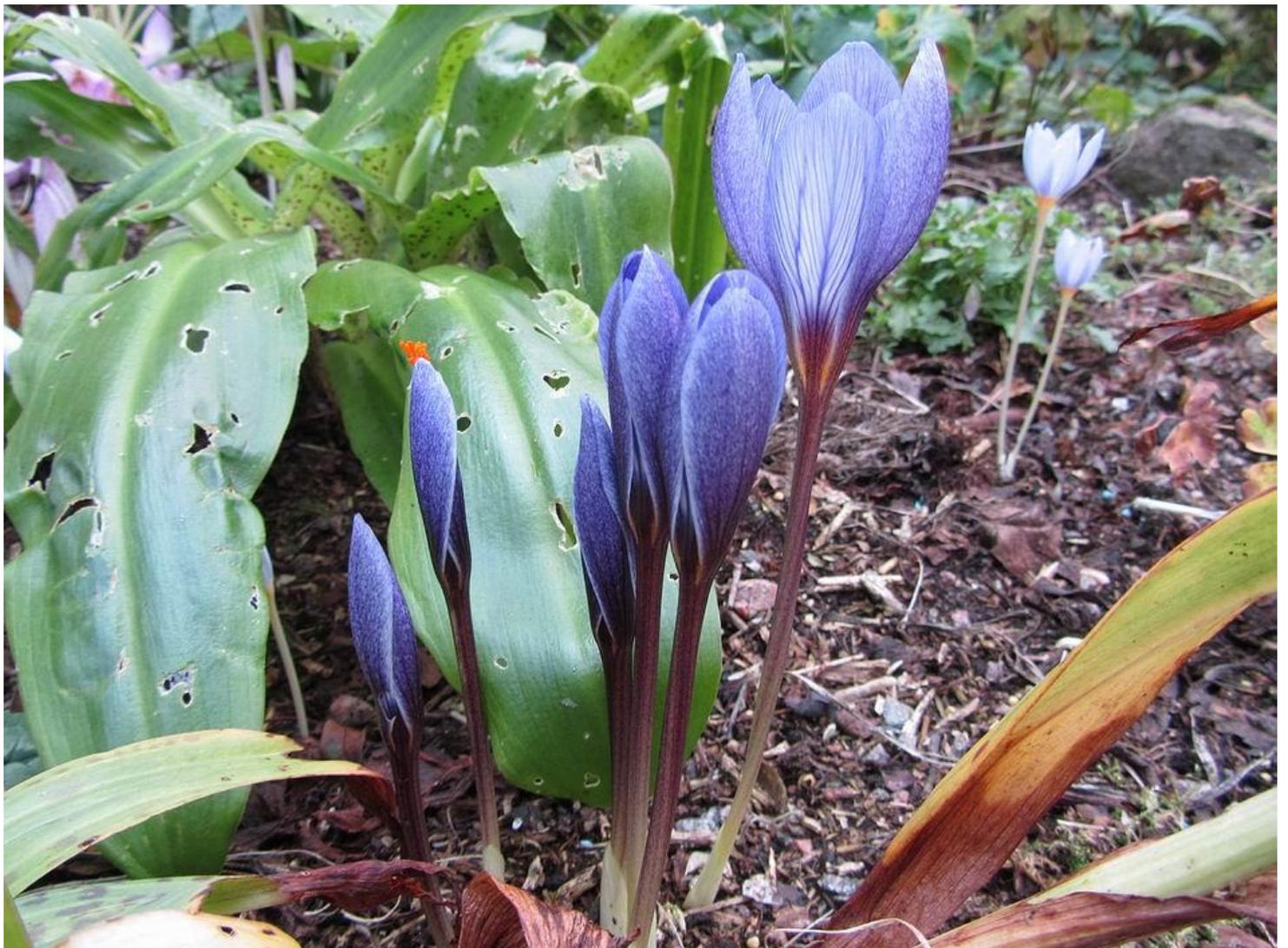
### **Crocus kotschyanus**

Two clones of *Crocus kotschyanus* showing the typical golden yellow 'v' shaped marking at the base of the petals.

The top one is more typical of the forms we grow with broad overlapping petals but I have a liking for the lower one where the petals overlap at the top but become narrow at the base leaving a gap.



**Crocus kotschyanus**



A very dark form of **Crocus speciosus** in the foreground with **Crocus pulchellus** towards the back.



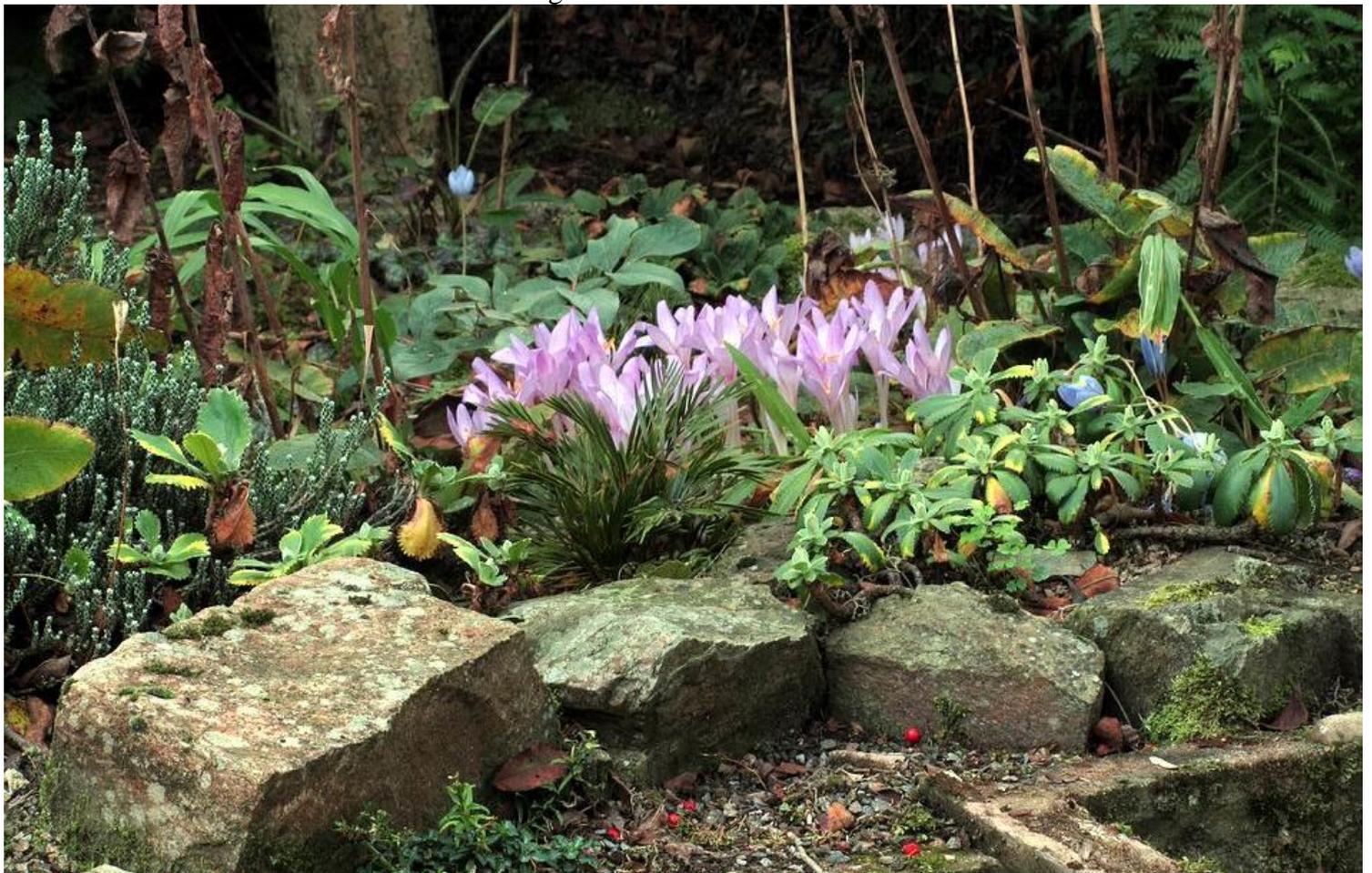
***Crocus speciosus***



***Cyclamen hederifloium***



Some of the larger *Colchicum* after the wind and rain.



The shorter *Colchicum agrippinum* in the more sheltered rock bed stand up better.



I will be visiting the following NARGS groups - Oct. 12 Berkshire Chapter; Oct. 13 New England Chapter; Oct. 15 Fells Chapter; Oct. 19 Watnong Chapter; Oct. 20 Tri-State meeting in Terrytown, NY; Oct. 22 Potomac Chapter; Oct. 26 Delaware Chapter; Oct. 28 Great Lakes Chapter; Oct. 30 Ontario Chapter; Nov. 1 Nova Scotia Chapter; Nov. 2 Piedmont Chapter.....see you there !