

# The SRGC Seed Exchange

Seeds of over 5000 species and varieties of alpine and rock plants and bulbs suitable for rock, peat and woodland gardens are listed annually in the Seed List of the SRGC Seed Exchange.

A great many of these seeds are not available commercially.

The SRGC Seed List is prepared each year from donations by Members and is issued in November: only current SRGC members may request seed, which is distributed during January and February, so members receive their seed in time for spring sowing.

In the opinion of many, the SRGC Seed Exchange is the world's best.

The Seed Exchange service is **exclusive to members of the SRGC**, so if you are not a member, why not join now to be eligible for the next Seed Exchange:

<http://www.srgc.org.uk/member/member.html>

## **Please donate seed to the exchange**

SRGC is very grateful to all those Members who donate seed to the Exchange. The bonus of being a seed donor is that you get the Seed List sent to you automatically. You also get 25 packets of seed in the main Seed Distribution (only 16 if you are a non-donor) - and Donors are given priority in the Seed Distribution.

## **65th SRGC Seed Exchange - 2011-2012**

### **Autumn 2011 Seed Donation**

**The 2011 Seed Donation will operate in the same way as recent years:**

If members have seed they would like to donate, please send it, individually packaged per variety, preferably in a paper envelope, and cleaned of all seed cases, debris, insects, etc to:-

**Prof. Stuart Pawley, Acres of Keillour, Methven, Perth. Scotland, U.K. PH1 3RA.**

**Please include your name and address and a clearly written list of the seed you are sending.**

Don't be put off if you only have a small amount of seed of a species- it may be the small amount that no-one else has, and that someone would love to have.

The **deadline for seed to arrive at Stuart's door is 31st October 2011 please.**

If you have any "late maturing" seed that cannot be sent until after that deadline, please send the information about this seed as early as possible and at the latest, **before 31st October**, to Stuart at [gsp.srgc@tesco.net](mailto:gsp.srgc@tesco.net) Please send the list in the body text of an e-mail, not as an attachment of any kind – Stuart can't afford to acquire a computer virus at this critical time. It is important to get this information to Stuart before the deadline so we can produce the seed list in time for mailing.

Please send late seed as soon as you can after October 31st

## Seed Lists

**Overseas members and all donors will receive a seed list by post automatically.**

Home non-donors wishing a paper copy of the list should request a list from Stuart Pawley, and send a C5 (229 x 162 mm) stamped addressed envelope to:

**Prof. Stuart Pawley, Acres of Keillour, Methven, Perth, Scotland, UK, PH1 3RA.**

Last date for requesting a list will be 15th December.

The seed list **will be available from mid November**, and will go online at the same time; you can browse and select online as well as by post.

To order online you will need your **membership number** and the **2011 password** from the paper list, which was also shown on page 13 of "The Rock Garden" journal #127/July 2011

[2011-2012 SRGC 65th Seed List – to browse – click here](#)

## Online Ordering Service

To access the online system you will need a password, which was shown on page 13 of the last Journal, and you will also need to enter your membership number (it's on the envelope 'The Rock Garden' arrived in!)

The Membership Number needed is ONLY the digits, no letters: for example, if your membership number is listed as REW 97836, the number to be entered is 97836.

Queries about password and membership numbers may be sent to [info@srgc.org.uk](mailto:info@srgc.org.uk)

To go to the SRGC Online Ordering Service,

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Seed Distribution: early 2012

The SRGC's 65th Seed Distribution in 2011-12 will again be completed by the Edinburgh Group of the Scottish Rock Garden Club.

Seed distribution work will begin on the first Saturday in January, and we hope to have all main allocation requests completed by January 21st.

Surplus seed distribution will not begin until all main requests are completed; i.e. not before Jan. 21st, so members will receive their main and surplus requests a few weeks apart.

We hope to complete the surplus distribution by the 11th February.

Seed requests must reach Alan Hayes by 15th January; we cannot guarantee to meet requests received later.

Queries about seed requests should be addressed to [alan.hayes31@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:alan.hayes31@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Please do not enquire about the whereabouts of seeds until after 11th February.**

Donors' requests will be completed on the basis of their donation record; if you donate more seed and donate for more years, you will move up the donors' priority list. Non-donors and surplus seed orders will be dealt with in the order of their arrival date with Alan Hayes.

## Seed Exchange Notice for USA Members

In 2006 the US authorities introduced new regulations regarding the import of seeds into the US, which apply to all US residents requiring seed from the Seed Exchange.

To participate in the SRGC Seed Exchange, our US members must have a 'Small Lots of Seeds' permit, which is issued by APHIS. We advise that you get the permit now, rather than wait until the seed list arrives. You can find details of how to get a permit at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_imports/smalllots\\_seed.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_imports/smalllots_seed.shtml)

We must emphasise that it has to be a 'small lots' permit, as this is the only permit which does not require phytosanitary certification at our end.

When you send your seed request, we need a copy of the permit, the conditions attached to it and a green and yellow customs label for that permit for each of your requests - one for a main requested selection, and one for each request of 50 packets in the surplus.

Please read all Seed Exchange instructions before starting. Even if you select online, you must still post the permit documents and labels to Alan Hayes. You can copy your permit as many times as you need, and we understand the permit lasts for three years, so get it now and use it till 2014.

Please ensure your permit is still valid before you send copies through to us. We must stress that "no permit, no seed" is the SRGC rule! We will do our best to get everyone their seed, but it must be in compliance with USDA regulations.

## Practical Advice on seed sowing and care

For good practical information on seed sowing and care of the seedlings, look no further than this superb Seed Sowing Tutorial by article by Ian Christie in the Nursery Workshop section of this site:

<http://www.srgc.org.uk/nurseryws/290104/content.html>

## The Archived Files : lists from previous years

Follow the links below for the last four Seed Exchange lists which are available in the form of downloadable PDF files. These lists are now closed, but the lists remain on the website as a reference and an information source.

We will keep old seed lists here for reference purposes only.

**Seed can no longer be requested from these lists.**

If checking seed numbers from previous lists, please check that you are consulting the correct year's list. Remember, the numbering for all species changes each year as different seeds are donated.

[Click Here for the SRGC 2010 / 2011 Seed List No. 64](#)

[Click Here for the SRGC 2009 / 2010 Seed List No. 63](#)

[Click Here for the SRGC 2008 / 2009 Seed List No. 62](#)

[Click Here for the SRGC 2007 / 2008 Seed List No. 61](#)

Thanks to all the Members who have donated seed and to all the volunteers working to collate the list, packet the seed and organise the distribution of the seed to SRGC Members worldwide, we hope you all enjoy the process and have great success in growing your SRGC Seed.