



# The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest Medal Aberdeen 2012



## Daphne calcicola shown by Cyril Lafong

**How big do you want your Forrest medal plants? Cyril stunned us all with his wonderful plant of Daphne calcicola.** Daphne calcicola is rare in cultivation and because it needs some care over winter it is best grown in an alpine house, rather than in the open garden. This being said I believe there is a plant growing against a south facing wall at Glendoick House.

Daphne calcicola was originally introduced by George Forrest in 1906, from the north western part of Yunnan. He describes it as "one of the most beautiful plants in western Yunnan, China, where it frequently smothers the ledges and faces of limestone cliffs and outcropping rocks with golden yellow flowers"

More recent expeditions have reintroduced this fine plant to our gardens and I suspect that Cyril's plant derives from propagations of these more recent introductions. I have recently got a nice wee plant of the clone Gang Ho Ba but I fear it will never reach the size of Cyril's plant. Well done Cyril!

Cyril has now won more Forrest medals than anyone. How appropriate to win it with a plant loved by George Forrest himself

