Some 25 years ago, when I moved to the Welsh village of Rosemarket, I was impressed by two plants growing in cottage gardens there. Both of these plants were primulas, both were old. In the garden of the tiny cottage built for the Railway Crossing keeper grew the double lilac primrose *P. v. lilacina plena* otherwise known as ‘Quakers Bonnet’. All of the older gardens grew a grey leaved pink-purple primula which everyone assured me was a ‘rackler’.

My interest in these plants inspired me to seek out and collect all the old double primroses and garden auriculas I could trace. I joined N.A.P.S. I also became a member of an informal group of plant lovers whose passion was finding growing and exchanging old cottage garden plants.

In the late 1970’s a group of plantsmen and plantswomen connected with the Royal Horticultural Society called a conference which formed N.C.C.P.G. (The National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens). This organization now has several thousand members organized into local groups and seeks to preserve all types of plants and gardens. N.C.C.P.G. works to identify plants in need of conservation, helps to find, protect and distribute them, with the purpose of preserving Britain’s rich garden heritage.

Based at Wisley Gardens, N.C.C.P.G. has a staff of two. R.A.W. Lowe is secretary and G. Pattison the Horticultural Advisor. N.C.C.P.G.’s official address is ‘The Pines’, Wisley Garden, Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB.

There are now 500 different National Collections covering all types of ornamental plants from alpines to trees. It is not only ‘old fashioned’ plants that are in danger of extinction.

National Collections are located in all parts and all types of gardens from stately homes and municipal parks to nurseries and private gardens of all sorts and sizes. Prince Charles is a National Collection holder - beech trees, but A.P.S. members will be especially interested in the Primula categories covered. As the Collection holder for Garden/Border Auriculas I grow more than a hundred different named auricula cultivars of this type.

### PRIMULA NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

**Primula Auricula:**

1. Edged Shows and Fancies, including the Douglas collection
2. Alpines
3. Doubles
4. Garden/Border
5. *P. Vernales* Cultivars
6. *P. Vulgaris*
7. *P. Allioni* Cultivars
8. *P. Candelabra* and Sikkimensis
9. *P. European* Spp. and Marginata
PRIMULA PARRYI

by Larry Bailey
Edmonds, Washington

A few years back, I was nosing around a small alpine nursery on the outskirts of Hochheim, near Weisbaden, Germany and stumbled across a large selection of Primula parryi. What a pleasant surprise to find a piece of 'home' thousands of miles from the United States.

I was struck by the robust plants, being grown in direct sunlight, in pots and as casual as Iris and Day Lilies. It did not take long to strike up a broken conversation with the proprietor (her in German and me in English). After a period of arm waving, crude hieroglyphics in the soil, and nodding and shaking of heads, I did find out a little more about the present of this Native American primula in Europe.

Much to my amazement, many of the smaller, alpine type nurseries in Europe grow Primula parryi as well as others in the Section Parryi (P. ellisiae, P. rusbyi, etc.). There, they cultivate it in the same manner as other alpine plants. The soil in the pots is a gritty, peaty mix with a lot of loam and nutrients. I did find out that keeping the plants well watered in the summer months is the nurseries biggest problems. Often, the plants are divided in the early spring and cultivars are kept of the most promising colors and plant forms.

Over the years, I was lead to believe that P. parryi was a very difficult plant to grow (A.P.S. Pictorial Dictionary; Blasdale, etc.) and took great satisfaction in having some personal success with this "difficult" primrose. My success, as so often is the case, is just planting seedlings in whatever soil mix is at hand (usually an auricula mix), and placing the pots under the bench in the alpine house, water occasional, and pretty much just forget about them.

Using this un-exacting format, I obtain some beautiful flower stalks about 18" high with deep magenta-mahogany colored pedals. The plants were kept alive for a number of years, until lack of care (watering and repotting) gradually took its toll.

Of all the Native American Primula, P. parryi and P. ellisiae are probably the easiest to grow, both requiring pretty much the same care: gritty, loamy, peaty soil with ample water in the spring and summer months. Like many primulas of this section, I found it enjoys filtered, indirect sunlight in a cool location to bloom well. When the plants receive direct sunlight for much of the day, the plants are smaller and the blooms are shy in coming.

First discovered growing in the Colorado Rocky Mountains by Dr. C.C. Parry in 1861, it was soon being grown in England. By 1865 (just four years later) it received a First-Class Certificate of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society.

Further explorations by Dr. Parry and other botanist indicate this species is distributed in alpine and sub-alpine regions (9000' to 14000') from New Mexico and Arizona in the south to Montana in the north. It has also been found in Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming. The plants and flowers vary considerably in size and form depending on the location and micro climates.

It is interesting to note that P. parryi is customarily found growing in areas with snow runoff and by the boarders of alpine streams near the snow-line. Often, in the late summer, the soils become dry and parched, forcing the plant into its annual dormancy. When first introduced to cultivation, it was thought that the plant needed cold, subsurface irrigation to enable it to bloom. Trying to emulate alpine snow-runoff conditions and late summer drying led to the misunderstandings about the degree of difficulty in its cultivation.

Primula parryi, an exciting plant for the alpine house or shaded, damp rock garden. A truly beautiful native American specie Primula that is easy to cultivate from seed. A plant that American Primrose growers should be embarrassed by having not grown at least once.

APS SHOW DATES

Most shows open between 9:00 and 10:00 AM and close around 5:00 PM. Contact the Chapter's representative for additional information on the exact times, schedules, plant sales, directions, etc.

April 6th & 7th, 1991 ............................................Tacoma Chapter, APS Show
Lakewood Mall, Tacoma, Washington
(Candy Strickland (206) 531-4449)

April 13th & 14th, 1991 .................................................National Show
Washington State Chapter
South Center Pavilion, Seattle
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April 20th & 21st, 1991 ..............................................Oregon Primrose Society, APS Show
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41st & Jackson St, Milwaukie, Oregon
(Frank Berthold (503) 252-1614)

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Totem Lake Mall, Kirkland, Washington
(Thea Oakley (206) 880-6177)
RISING SUN COWSLIPS

by Geoffrey Nicolle
Noltan Haven, Wales, U.K.

Some ten years ago I became very interested in an illustration in John Parkinson's 'Paradisi in sole; Paradisus terrestris', published in the year 1629. It depicted several 'anomalous' forms of the cowslip Primula veris that were grown in gardens in Britain in the 17th Century. They included the single green and 'double green feathered' cowslip, the hose-in-hose, the 'curled cowslip or galligaskins', 'the franticke or foolish cowslip or jackanapes on horseback' (apparently the form now called jack-in-the-green') and also the hose-in-hose form of the oxlip Primula elatior.

Hose cowslips and oxlips have appeared in gardens since the 17th Century, but have always been uncommon. I had failed to find more recent records of the other described forms. The question arose, would it be possible to 're-create' plants of the same type as these long lost historic garden primulas? I decided I would at least make an attempt to do this.

I started by hand-pollinating a form of the wild cowslip using pollen from a hose-in-hose polyanthus. The polyanthus was of unknown origin and had yellowish flowers. It appeared to have no special qualities except that its small pips were nearer in size to those of the cowslip than anything else available. Over the years I have crossed and re-crossed their descendants, reintroducing from time to time the 'fresh blood' of the wild cowslip plus red and orange cowslip forms.

My original strain now produces plants of cowslip form only, polyanthus types having been almost completely eliminated. The seedlings include single cowslips in yellow, red, orange and tawny shades, together with 'anomalous' cultivars in variety. I have bred many hose-in-hose forms, named after the 16th Century gentlemen's fashion of wearing two pairs of stockings. The inside pair were turned over at the knee, the outside pair at the thigh. Other flower forms I have developed include the 'galligaskins' with an enlarged 'curled' calyx and another old form not illustrated in Parkinson, called a 'pantaloon'. This is of hose-in-hose type, but the 'back' flower is partly green, being striped with the colour of the 'front' flower. I have raised only one jack-in-the-green. This appeared early in the development of the strain and was of polyanthus form. So far I have kept it but not used its pollen, preferring to breed from cowslip type plants only.

In 1989 I was delighted to raise two doubles, one orange, one red. The red double, a flower of excellent colour and form, won the award for best double in the primrose/polyanthus class at the London Auricula Show of the National Auricula and Primula Society and appears on the video of the Show. Unfortunately it succumbed to weevil attack later in the year. In 1990 five more doubles were raised, each one a true yellow cowslip, but showing different degrees of doubling. The best was a very full double that appears identical to the double illustrated by Parkinson. Later the plant rotted away. Fortunately I found one tiny healthy shoot. Potted in sand and treated in my 'intensive care unit', it rooted and produced new leaves. Where there is life there is hope.

I have raised no cowslips like Parkinson's single or double green. I once grew the green primrose but lost it. This was not to rot or weevil attack but to flood. The stream in my garden overflowed and washed it away into the Atlantic Ocean. Perhaps A.P.S. members on the East Coast can keep a look out for it for me! If I still had this plant I might use its pollen to try to introduce a 'virescent' factor into the strain. In 1987 I started a separate strain of oxlip Primula elatior x hose-in-hose cowslip and am near to raising a hose oxlip.

My cowslips are known as the 'Rising Sun' Strain. This has nothing to do with attracting Japanese industry to Wales, but is named after my home 'Rising Sun Cottage'. This is a historic former pub, which was called the 'Rising Sun'. A small quantity of this seed has been donated to A.P.S. Seed Exchange. If anyone sowing it raises an interesting plant or two, please write and let me know.
PRIMULA WORLD WIDE
1992 CONFERENCE

APS members should mark their calendars for next year's Primula Conference to be held April 10th through the 12th, 1992, in Portland, Oregon. This Conference, the first to be held in the United States (or the Western Hemisphere), will be in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the American Primrose, Primula and Auricula Society.

Sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society, the Berry Botanic Garden, and the American Primrose Society, Primula World Wide will feature keynote speakers from Great Britain, Japan and North America. These speakers have been carefully chosen for their individual areas of expertise.

Already scheduled events include the National Primrose Show for 1992, Tours of the Berry Botanic Garden's Primula Collection and noted gardens in the Portland Area, Displays of Artworks and Old Prints of Primulas, and Plant and Book Sales. Work Shops are also scheduled on hybridizing, propagating and the cultivation of Primulas.

Those members who would like to help out in the various committees (Registration, Program, Seed and Plant Sales, Hospitality, Publications, Transportation, Exhibits, Flower Show and Judging, Special Events, Publicity, Facilities, etc.) are urged to contact the Conference Chairman, Mr. Gregory (Greg) E. Becker, P.O. Box 3723, Eureka, CA 95501. In any Conference of this scope there is a need for volunteers.

A once in a life time event for Primrose Growers and Enthusiasts, APS members are prompted to make their reservations early. This event, attracting world wide attention from Primula experts and gardeners alike, will be one in which APS members will have the opportunity to meet some of those famous growers and experts they so often read about.

To be insured of getting the Registration Forms as soon as they come off the Press, APS members should write to the Society's Secretary. For early Registration Forms write to the following:

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PRIMROSES IN ALASKA

by John A. O'Brien, Sr.
Juneau, Alaska

Although perhaps near their Northern limits for some species, Primroses do well here in the Southeastern part of Alaska.

We have been growing Primroses in Glacier Valley, near Juneau, for about a quarter of a century, with oftentimes good success, and gradually learning as we go.

There are perhaps half a dozen members of the American Primrose Society here, along with a great many of the general public who are enthusiastic about Primroses, and avidly buy some at Spring plant sales.

The Denticulatas called Purple Ball Primroses by some, are often seen happily growing in the Juneau-Douglas area. Most often seen are the pale lavender blooms, and occasionally and strongly sought by gardeners are the pure white, deep purple, red, and on very rare occasion a bluish purple. Only once have we had a very dark purple, which lasted only the one year for us.

Overall the Denticulatas do very well here in most any soil and situation, although they seem to flourish best in damp, very humusy soil. Some peat moss and composted steer manure mixed into the growing rows or garden soil goes over very well with the plants. We have experienced strong growth and good big healthy looking plants, along with self seeding on the north sides of the rows, when we have added peat moss and steer manure to the growing-on rows. In addition we improve our garden soil as we get the chance, with mixing in compost, seaweed, starfish, and on rare occasion some marine shell from the beaches.

Of the kinds of Primroses most known and popular with the public here, the Denticulatas are first and next the Juliana Hybrids, of which Primula Dorothy is a strong persistent grower in this area. Auriculas are seen fairly often in gardens but since they bloom a bit later in Spring after the plant sale rush, gardeners are not as acquainted with Auriculas as they are with the earlier bloomers.

Long experience and learning from our mistakes leads me to believe and practice that Auricula Primroses, rather than preferring a damp humusy soil like some other types of Primroses, actually like to be associated with rocks! They like some coarse sand and small gravel mixed with the soil and we mix in a bit of crushed egg shells and a bit of composted steer manure, and a bit of bone meal when we are redoing the Auricula beds once each year or two.

We no longer plant Auriculas in shady damp humusy spots where the root carrot sometimes rotted off in our damp climate here, but instead we plant in a gritty type soil mentioned, near rocks, and with a sunny exposure. We have a cool climate, to say the least. Where a sunny exposure might be too hot in some more southern areas of the country, here, it is just right for some Primroses.
The leaves are deeply pinnatisect, and the corolla lobes obovate-oblong or elliptic and entire. The holotype (K.H. Yang 54456) was collected in Sichuan at an elevation of 2300-3800 m growing in forests and is preserved at IBSC.

 subsection tardiflora

 P. whitei W.W. Smith
 var. hookeri Watt
 subsp. ovalifolia C.M. Hu

 P. tanderi Balfour f. & Cooper
 var. albula W.W. Smith (new combination)

 P. epilosa Hand.-Mazz. (restored to a synonym of P. whitei W.W. Smith)

 section Petiolares:

 continued from Vol. 48, No. 4

 P. tsariensis W.W. Smith (restored from a subsp. of P. tanneri King)
 var. porrecta W.W. Smith
 var. tsariensis
 P. calderiana Balfour f. & Cooper
 var. alba W.W. Smith (now included within the type variety)
 P. sonchifolia Franchet
 subsp. emeiensis C.M. Hu (new subsp.)

 This differs from subsp. sonchifolia in that the plants are without farina,
It is a decidedly distinct species of which the affinity is with *P. epilosa* Craib and *P. tagosa* Franchet, from with it differs in its smaller flowers, and shorter calx lobes with tridenticulate tips. The holotype (Sichuan Economic Plant Exp. 1303) was collected in Sichuan at 3000 m on the edge of rocks on May 17, 1959.  

*P. escapa* [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)  

At first aspect this species is greatly similar to *P. coeruliflora* Forrest but it differs mostly in having the scape scarcely developed, the flowers smaller, and the pedicels longer. The holotype (S.G. Xu 3568) was collected in Yunnan at 2400 m elevation on rock surfaces on May 4, 1959 and is preserved at KUN.  

*P. praeclares* [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)  

A species similar to the preceeding but it differs in that the leaves are not at all bullate, the pedicels are minutely pubescent (not rusty-villose) and the shorter calyces. The holotype (M.K. Li 2492) was collected in Yunnan at 2400 m elevation on rock surfaces on November 18, 1939 and is at KUN.  

**section Proliferae:**  
*P. shihmiensis* Fang (reduced to a synonym of *P. pulverulenta*)  
*P. buirmanica* Balfour f. & Kingdon-Ward (reduced to a synonym of *P. Beesiana*)  
*P. bulleyana* Forrest (retained)  
*P. smithiana* Craib (retained)  
*P. helodoxa* Balfour f. (retained)  
*P. prenantha* Balfour f. & Kingdon-Ward  
subsp. *morsheadiana* (Balour f. & Kingdon-Ward) [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new combination)  
subsp. *prenantha*  

*P. morsheadiana* Kingdon-Ward (reduced to a subspecies of *P. prenantha* Balfour f. & Kingdon-Ward)  

*section Amethystina:*  
*P. dickieana* Watt. var. *gouldii* Fletcher reduced to a synonym of *P. kingii* Watt)  

*section Sikkimensis:*  
*P. sikkimensis* Hooker var. *pudubunda* (now included within the type variety)  
*P. alpicola* (W.W. Smith) Stapf var. *alba* (now included within the type variety)  

*section Crystallophlomis:*  
*P. aemula* Balfour f. & Forrest (reduced to a synonym of *P. szchuanica* Pax)  
*P. advena* W.W. Smith var. *argentata* W.W. Smith (now included within the type variety)  
var. *concolor* W.W. Smith (now included within the type variety) var. *advena*  
var. *euprepes* (retained unchanged)  
*P. amabilis* Balfour f. & Forrest (reduced to a synonym of *P. diantha* Bureau & Franchet)  
*P. barnardoana* W.W. Smith & Fletcher (reduced to a var. of *P. elongata* Watt var. *brevicula* Balfour f. & Forrest (reduced to a synonym of *P. diantha* Bureau & Franchet)  
*P. bryophila* Balfour f. & Forrest (reduced to subspecies of *P. caliantha* Franchet)  
*P. caliantha* Franchet var. *albiflora* W.W. Smith & Forrest (reduced to a synonym subspp. *bryophila*)  
subsp. *calliantha*  
subsp. *mishmiensis* (Kingdon-Ward) C.M. Hu (new combination)  

At first glance it is almost similar to *P. orbicularis* Hemsley despite no close affinity, from which it differs in that the plants are without farina, lack basal scales, and the leaf margins are erose-dentate. Its true affinity is with *P. szchuanica* Pax, but it diverges decidedly in that the lobes of the corolla are sub-orbicular, not at all reflexed, and the calyces are longer. The holotype (Z.P. Soong 3856) was collected in June 1959 from Sichuan at 3900 m where it grew on banks and pastures. It is at IBSC.  

*P. tautugica* Duthie var. *tangutica* var. *flavescens* F.W. Chen & C.M. Hu (cited from the text but description absent from the addenda)  
*P. tsangiae* Fang (reduced to a synonym of *P. szchuanica* Pax)  
*P. yuana* Chen (reduced to a synonym of *P. tzeoutesiensis* Pettit.)  

*section Cordifoliae:*  
*P. cardiophylla* Balfour f. & W.W. Smith (restored as a name for *P. roxburghii* Balakr.)  
*P. conscia* W.W. Smith (reduced to a synonym of *P. littledalei* Balfour f.)  
*P. roxburghii* Balakr. (rejected as a name for *P. cardiophylla* Balfour f. & W.W. Smith)  

*section Aleuritia:*  
*P. callaria* W.W. Smith var. *nana* W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type variety)  
*P. fangii* [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)  
This is near to *P. fernaldiana* W.W. Smith but the corolla tube is shorter and the stamens are inserted differently. The holotype (X. Li 71088) was collected in Sichuan at 2700-3100 m
where it grows on thicket covered slopes. It is preserved at IBSC.

**P. fangangiensis** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This species is near to **P. efarinosa** Pax but it differs in its white-farinose inflorescence and in the calyx divided for less than half the length. **P. pseudodenticulata** Pax is similar in habit to the new species but it diverges from it in the shorter pedicels and much smaller bracts and calyces. The holotype (Z.S. Chang et al. 400670) was gathered in Guizhou growing on summit grasslands at 2400 m on May 8, 1964 and is preserved at IBSC.

**P. fragilis** Balfour f. & Kingdon-Ward (reduced to a synonym of **P. yannanensis** Franchet)

**P. gemmifera** Batalin

var. **amoena** Chen

var. **gemmifera**

var. liicensii (W.W. Smith & Forrest) W.W. Smith & Fletcher (reduced to a synonym of **P. conspersa** Balfour f. & Purdom

var. monantha (W.W. Smith & Forrest) W.W. Smith & Fletcher (reduced to a synonym of var. **amoena** Chen)

var. **rupestris** (Pax & K. Hofm.) W.W. Smith & Fletcher (reduced to synonym of var. **amoena** Chen)

var. **zamblanesis** (Petitm.) W.W. Smith & Fletcher (reduced to synonym of var. **amoena** Chen)

**P. genestriana** Hand.-Mazz. (reduced to a subspecies of **P. glabra** Watt)

**P. geraldinae** W.W. Smith (reduced to a variety of **P. rhodochroa** W.W. Smith)

**P. gigantera** Jacquin (reduced to a synonym of **P. farinosa** var. denudata Koch)

**P. glabra** Klatt

subsp. **glabra**

subsp. **genestriana** (Hand.-Mazz.) C.M. Hu (new combination)

**P. huashanensis** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This species is akin to **P. erratica** W.W. Smith but differs in the larger flowers, and the calyces divided above the midpoint into oblong lobes. The holotype (W.S.Y. Hsia et al. 117) was collected in Shaanxi, growing on slopes on May 2, 1937. There is an isotype at PE.

**P. involucrata** Wallich

subsp. **involuta**

subsp. **yargongensis** (Petitm.) W.W. Smith & Forrest

**P. kialensis** Franchet

var. **breviflora** C.M. Hu (new variety)

This differs from subspecies **kialensis** by its more robust stature and the corolla tube one and one half the length of the calyx. The holotype (H.L. Tsiang 33906) was gathered in Sichuan at 2100 m growing on cliffs and is at IBSC.

**P. maikhaensis** Balfour f. (restored to rank of species)

**P. meiotera** (W.W. Smith & Fletcher) C.M. Hu (raised from the rank of variety to species **P. pulchelloides** Kingdon-Ward (reduced to a synonym of **P. pulchella** Franchet)

**P. quinghaiensis** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This species is near to **P. flava** Maxim. but it differs in the broadly ovate or reniform leaves, equal in length and width or a little wider than long, with the margins deeply incised-dentate. The holotype (D.S. Lou et Z.C. Zou 800102) was collected in Qinghai growing in a Picea forest at 3950 m on June 20, 1980. It is at IBSC.

**P. rhodochroa** W.W. Smith

var. **rhodochroa**

var. **geraldinae** (W.W. Smith) [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new combination)

**P. meiotera** W.W. Smith & Fletcher (raised to the rank of species)

**P. scopulorum** Balour f. (restored to the rank of species)

**P. socialis** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This is similar in habit to **P. yunnanensis** Franchet but differs from it primarily in the undeveloped scapes, solitary flowers, and the single linear bract inserted at the base of the pedicel. The holotype (S.K. Wu 6746) was collected in Yunnan growing at an elevation of 2950 on moist cliffs and it is at KUN.

**P. tenuipes** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This is similar to **P. quinghaiensis** W.W. Smith & C.M. Hu in habit; it differs from it chiefly in the rose flowers and the slender unwinged pedioles. The holotype (X. Li 76179) was collected in Sichuan growing on sunny slopes at 4400 m on July 23, 1958. It is at PE.

**P. umbrella** Forrest (reduced to a synonym of **P. yunnanensis** Franchet)

**P. yargongensis** Petitm. (reduced to a subspp. of **P. involucrata** Wallich)

**section Souliei**

**P. asperulata** Balakr., (reduced as a name for **P. blinii** Le'vl.)

**P. blinii** Le'vl. (nominal change for **P. asperulata** Balakr.)

**P. homogama** [F.W.] Chen & C.M. Hu (new species)

This is distinguished from all species of section **Souliei** Balfour f. by its smaller stature, and homomorphic flowers. **P. nutaniflora** Hemsley is somewhat similar in habit and aspect to the new species but it diverges in the form of the corolla. **P. longipinnatifida** Chen (reduced to a synonym of **P. blinii** Le'vl.)

**P. rupicola** Balfour f. & Forrest

var. **albiclor** W.W. Smith & Fletcher (now included within the type variety)

**P. souliei** Franchet

subsp. **legendsi** (Bonati) W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type)

**section Dryadifolia:**

**P. dryadifolia** Franchet

subsp. **dryadifolia**

subsp. **chlorodryas** (W.W. Smith) Chen & C.M. Hu (new combination)

subsp. **congestifolia** (Forrest) W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type subsp.)

subsp. **chrysophylla** (Forrest) W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type subsp.)

subsp. **cyciophylla** (Forrest) W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type subsp.)

subsp. **jonarduni** (W.W. Smith & Forrest) W.W. Smith & Forrest (now included within the type subsp.)

subsp. **meiotera** W.W. Smith & Fletcher

This species is akin to **P. erratica** W.W. Smith but differs in the larger flowers, and the calyces divided above the midpoint into oblong lobes. The holotype (W.S.Y. Hsia et al. 117) was collected in Shaanxi, growing on slopes on May 2, 1937. There is an isotype at PE.
section Denticulata:
P. denticulata J.E. Smith
  subsp. denticulata
  subsp. sinodenticulata (Balfour f. & Forrest) W.W. Smith & Forrest
  subsp. alata (Balfour f. & Forrest) W.W. Smith & Fletcher

P. monticola (Hand.-Mazz.) Chen & C.M. Hu
(subsumed to the rank of species)

section Capitatae:
P. capitata hooker
  subsp. capitata
  subsp. craibiana (Balfour f. & W.W. Smith) W.W. Smith & Forrest
  (now included within subsp. lacteocapitata)
  subsp. crispa (Balour f. & W.W. Smith) W.W. Smith & Forrest
  subsp. mooreana (Balour f. & W.W. Smith) W.W. Smith & Forrest
  (now included within subsp. capitata)
  subsp. sphaerocephala (Balour f. & W.W. Smith) W.W. Smith & Forrest

P. hyacinthina W.W. Smith
(reduced to a synonym of P. bellidifolia King ex Hooker f.)

P. muscarioides Hemsley
(reduced to a synonym of P. deflexa Duthie)

P. capitata subsp. mooreana (formerly P. mooreana)

P. mystrophylla Balfour f. & Forrest
(reduced to a synonym of P. dryadifolia Franchet)

P. montkola (Hand.-Mazz.) Chen & C.M. Hu

section Muscarioides:
P. hyacinthina W.W. Smith
(reduced to a synonym of P. bellidifolia King ex Hooker f.)

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The work to be described was begun at the John Innes Horticultural Institution by Miss Pellew in 1919, and was taken over in 1922 by Dr. R. J. Chittenden, who carried it on until his departure for the Malay States in 1927. An account by Dr. Chittenden on the results up to last spring has just appeared in the Journal of Genetics. This paper is a resume of those results together with a few observations made this spring on some hybrid progenies which had not flowered before his departure. It is the hybrids between P. juliae and the primrose, P. acaulis, or the oxlip, P. elatior, which have received most attention, but some results are available from other hybrids within the Vernales section.

The first observation of interest is that in all cases the fertility of the first generation interspecific hybrids was quite high. In view of the distinctive appearance and geographic distribution of P. juliae this seems somewhat surprising. Microscopical examinations of the pollen showed from 50 to 70 percent of the grains apparently capable of functioning. Cytological studies of P. juliae, P. acaulis, the hybrids acaulis x juliae, elatior x juliae, officinalis x juliae, and Polyanthus Cloth of Gold x juliae showed chromosome number to be 22 in each case, and where the reduction-divisions of the pollen-mother-cells were studied they were found to be surprisingly regular for interspecific hybrids. Any irregularities that were found were the exception.

The size of the hybrid families in which P. juliae was involved was limited, however, by irregular or delayed germination, which occurs also in selfed seed of pure P. juliae. With either pure P. juliae or any of its descendants, it was found that some of the seeds would germinate almost at once, while others would lie dormant in the seed pans for any period up to several years.

A number of different crosses were made each way between the primrose and P. juliae, and in each case the first generation bore coloured flowers, though there were two shades of colour. In other respects the plants were comparatively uniform. In habit of growth, shape of leaves, size and shape of flower, and colour and size of eye, the first generation resembles the primrose more than P. juliae. It resembles P. juliae in being semi-glabrous and in its distribution of anthocyanin and its general foliage colour. It flowers before either of the parents.

The segregation of pin and thrum style was found to be sharp in all the generations raised, though minor differences occur in the length of the long...
or pin style. The thrum or short style is dominant to pin and the segregation appears to be due to a single Mendelian factor. It may be noted that in those species crosses involving *P. juliae*, little significant difference was found in the number of seeds obtained from "legitimate" or "illegitimate" matings, and after the first few years crosses were generally made without regard to length of style of the parents.

The inheritance of flower colour was found to be rather complex. In the second generation at least six shades of anthocyanin or magenta colour were noted, but they could not be scored accurately owing to the large degree of fluctuation which occurs. All the anthocyanin colours were therefore grouped together and only the segregation with respect to the three classes, anthocyanin coloured, Yellow and white, was considered. With the exception of some progenies from one plant of *Juliae*, the second generation and back-cross progenies gave ratios for colour which agree fairly well with those expected if the primrose carries on factor for yellow colour, and *P. juliae* carries both and anthocyanin colour factor and a colour intensifying factor.

The inheritance of hairiness is fairly complex. In the first generation the plants are semi-glabrous as in *P. juliae*. In the second generation and back-cross families the degree of hairiness was scored by the appearance of the pedicel. The observed numbers are fitted fairly well by the assumption that the primrose contributes two factors for hairiness, and *P. juliae* one factor which inhibits hairiness. The suppression of hairiness appears to be more or less similar to the oxlip in habit, amount of anthocyanin in the vegetative parts.

Several characters which were not present in either parent, such as petals with a frilled margin and without an apical notch as in *P. sinensis*, and other types with petals not noticeably frilled, yet without and apical notch, as well as plants with extremely narrow petals appeared in the second generation and back-cross families. A few types of possible horticultural interest appeared, and these are now being multiplied for showing next year.

Certain groups of characters were found in general to be strongly associated or dissociated. For instance, the deeper flower colour and the *Juliae* eye shape rarely if ever occurred on a plant with leaves of the primrose type. Dr. Chittenden suggests that this may be explained on the basis that many factors, probably located in many different chromosomes, are required to produce the primrose leaf type, and a plant which has this leaf type is therefore predominantly primrose in its chromosome constitution. He considers that similar arguments may be used to explain the observations that the deeper flower colours occur most frequently on plants with small leaves and flowers, and that the *Juliae* eye shape is usually found on a small flower.

A repulsion between deep flower colour and the hairy or very hairy condition is suggested, he says, by his observations that both the deep flower colour and the *Juliae* eye shape are almost invariably associated with the semi-glabrous condition characteristic of *Juliae*. While this has not yet been proved, there is some evidence that the yellow factor of the primrose is genetically linked with the factor for hairiness.

Finally, he notes that the *Juliae* eye shape has never been seen on a white or yellow flower, though it may occur on either a pale or a dark coloured one. His explanation of this is that the presence of anthocyanin is probably necessary to mask part of the primrose eye and thus produce one of the *Juliae* shapes.

The results from crosses between *P. juliae* and the true or Bardfield oxlip, *P. elatior*, in general were similar to those from *Juliae x primrose* crosses. The first generation plants were more or less similar to the oxlip in habit, amount of anthocyanin in the vegetative parts, colour and shape of eye, and pedunculate or polyanthus character of inflorescence. The inflorescence, however, was either drooping or erect, and not one-sided, whereas in the oxlip it is drooping and one-sided. Usually the flower was yellow, similar to that of the oxlip, but with a tinge of colour under certain cultural conditions. Some plants of *P. elatior*, however, gave yellow-flowered and anthocyanin-coloured first generation progeny in approximately equal proportions when crossed with *Juliae*. The flowers in general were more or less intermediate in shape between those of the parents. All the plants were semi-glabrous like *P. juliae*, and the flower size was also similar to that of *Juliae*. The time of flowering was before that of either parent. Excepting for colour of the flowers, all first generation plants of this cross, made either way, were similar.

In all the generations raised the thrum style was again found to be dominant to pin. The numbers agree very closely with the ratio expected from a single factor difference.

In the second generation and back-cross families the inheritance of flower colour was again found to be that which would be expected if *Juliae* carries two factors for anthocyanin colour, one an intensifier of the other, and the oxlip one factor for yellow, but the latter carries in addition a factor which inhibits anthocyanin colour. This factor obviously carried this factor in double dose, as all their first generation progeny with *Juliae* were yellow. The oxlips which gave half coloured and half yellow progeny when crossed with *Juliae* were obviously heterozygous for this factor. Presumably some oxlips must exist which lack this inhibitory factor altogether.

Mr. W.B. Turrill and Mr. E.M. Marsden-Jones likewise found some oxlips which were heterozygous for this factor, and have kindly sent me a large first-generation family, in which about half are coloured and half yellow.
The numbers in the different classes of the second generation backcross families of the Oxlip-Juliae crosses, that is, anthocyanin coloured, yellow and white are unfortunately not very regular. On the whole they are most in accordance with the assumption that even a single dose of the inhibitory factor is sufficient to suppress the effect of any combination of the two pairs of anthocyanin colour factors. Taking the second generation figures alone, however, they agree best with the view that a single dose of the inhibitory factor is sufficient to suppress the colour factors in all combinations except where both of them are present in double dose. One plant in the second generation and two in the back-cross with Juliae were scored as cream-flowered, but the genetic character of these plants has not been worked out.

Hairiness likewise seems to be inherited similarly in both primrose x Juliae and oxlip x Juliae crosses. In the experiments with the latter the numbers of the different classes do not fit the expectation as closely as in the former case, but nevertheless they are reasonably well accounted for by the assumption that the oxlip carries two factors for hairiness, as does the primrose, and again that *P. juliae* carries a factor that inhibits the production of hairs. As in the case of the inhibitor of flower colour it appears most probable that this inhibitor of flower colour it appears most probable that this inhibitor of hairs is able to suppress the effect of the factors for hairs in all cases except where they are both present in double dose, and the inhibitor present only in the heterozygous condition.

The pedunculate nature of the inflorescence typical of the oxlip is dominant to the non-pedunculate or solitary flowered condition of Juliae, through the first generation hybrids may throw up a few solitary flowers early in the season. In back-crosses with *P. juliae* a good 1:1 ratio of pedunculate to non-pedunculate plants was obtained, as expected on the basis of a single factor difference. In the second generation families, however, there is rather a large excess of pedunculate plants, the numbers being 87:11 instead of the expected 3:1. The pedunculate condition is one which is greatly affected by the physiological condition of the plant, which probably accounts for this deviation.

The eye color of the oxlip is orange, and that of *P. juliae* yellow. All the first generation plants have an orange eye. The inheritance of eye color appears to be determined by a single factor difference, as a good 3:1 ratio (70:24) of orange and yellow-eyed plants was obtained in the second generation. In the back-cross to Juliae, however, the ratio was 35:56 instead of the expected 1:1: and out of 59 plants from the back-cross to the oxlip, 16 had yellow eyes instead of all being orange. These divergences from expectation are probably due to the fact that in young flowers the eye is always yellow, even though later it becomes orange, and in the particular cross this character was scored only once.

A number of crosses were made between the cowslip *P. officinalis* and various other species and forms including *P. juliae*, *P. elatior*, *P. acaulis*, and two polyanthus varieties, but the number of plants obtained from any of these crosses has so far been too limited to warrant genetic analysis.

Several crosses were made reciprocally between *P. juliae* and the polyanthus variety 'Cloth of Gold.' In the second generation only twelve plants have yet flowered, but out of these it has surprisingly been found that three are practically identical in appearance with *P. juliae*. In the original crosses from which these three plants have come the polyanthus was the female parent. The recovery of three plants of one parental type is the more remarkable in view of the fact that out of 32 plants obtained from the crossing the first generation 'Cloth of Gold' x Juliae hybrids back on to Juliae, none is typical Juliae in appearance. Chromosome counts have been made in root tip cells of two of the first generation hybrids, and two of the Juliae-like segregates. All have the normal chromosome number. The case is being studied further.

The abnormal forms of polyanthus, 'Jack in the Green,' and 'Hose in Hose,' when crossed with the primrose and *P. juliae* were found to be dominant to the normal type. A cross between 'Jack in the Green' and Juliae, for instance, gave foliaceous calyx and half normal type progeny.

The pedunculate type of inflorescence and the orange eye of the oxlip have been found to be dominant to the solitary flowered condition and the yellow eye of the primrose, but this cross has not been studied in detail.

Sixty-five plants have so far flowered from crosses of short-styled common primroses with blue primroses. Of these 33 were long styled and 32 short styled, which accords with the previous observations that inheritance of this character depends upon a single Mendelian factor difference. Apart from length of style, these 65 plants are uniform in appearance. The flower is large, the eye shape and colour is that typical of the common primrose, but it is rather larger. The leaf shape, distribution of anthocyanin, and degree of hairiness are similar to those of the primrose. The tube of the corolla is tinged with colour. The flower colour is magenta, but varies greatly with age, ranging from a bright red to blue. No second generation or back-cross families have yet been studied from this cross.

Numerous other crosses have been made between various polyanthus and primrose forms, but only small progenies have been raised in most cases and no conclusions have yet been drawn from them.

In conclusion, some of the general observations on the species crosses may briefly be re-stated. The characters of thrum and pin style occur in all the species used, and their genetic relationships are the same in all cases. Thus the thrum style is dominant to pin in all crosses either within a species or between any of them. Likewise, whenever the members of a pair of characters are present in different species, instead of both being in each as are pin and thrum style, their genetic relationship is the same whichever species are crossed. Thus the pedunculate character of the inflorescence whether on the cowslip, the oxlip or the polyanthus is dominant to the single-flowered condition of either the primrose or *P. juliae*. The semi-glabrous character of *P. juliae* is dominant to the very hairy condition of all the other species used; the orange-coloured eye of the oxlip is dominant to the yellow eye of either the primrose or *P. juliae*. And finally, the anthocyanin coloured flower is dominant to either the white or the yellow flower of any species except where an inhibitor is present, as in most oxlips.
Kitty Schwarz
by Beth Tait
Bothell, Washington

The Primrose Society lost another great Plant-lover, as Kitty Schwarz passed away in November, 1990. Kitty was 90 years old, still lived alone, and cared for all her own plants and shrubs. She invariably bought boxes of plants at the club’s sales.

Active in the Eastside Primula Society, Kitty helped with the shows every spring. She was unceasingly available to help when needed. For many years, she and her late husband had a floor exhibit of primroses at the Eastside Primrose Shows. Kitty won many blue ribbons on her beautiful plants.

Kitty was a member of the American Primrose Society since 1958. She sponsored two overseas members for many years. Kitty also belonged to numerous other horticultural societies as she loved flowers, made them grow, and shared with all.

We will miss Kitty Schwarz’s help, her wonderful smile, and her glowing and vibrant flowers. Kitty’s plants always seemed to be returning their love to her.

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LIFE IS BUT A STREAM

by Thea Service Foster
North Vancouver, B.C.

My dream of a garden has always included a small natural stream or pond but such sites are as scarce as hen’s teeth in our urban areas. About thirty-five years ago we settled for a ‘waterless’ lot that was densely treed with several large conifers plus vine maples, cascaras, mountain ash and other small native trees. The soil was very moist. On hand-clearing to make a space for the house we found that the moisture came from a little waterway that had been dammed by tree roots, deadfalls and debris. When cleared and channelled it made a wonderful setting for waterside plants. We were very sad to leave it behind when we moved in the Fall of 1989.

Our new location is only about three miles to the East but 600 feet higher up in elevation. The new main garden consisted of a 70' x 70' square of south-sloping lawn - which had all the charm of a football field. Over the fence at the bottom was a further 70' of property with a copse of small Hankow twisted willows. It was clothed in a dense cover of rank perennial weeds and grasses almost knee-deep.

One winter day my husband took a stroll through the ‘back forty’ as we now call it, investigating a lengthwise dip in the weed cover. Deep beneath the tangle of buttercup was a narrow rill. At sometime in the past this little waterway had been put into a culvert under the lawn and this was its natural outlet. For a second time we had received the unexpected gift of a stream. Lightning does strike twice!

The dividing fence has now been removed giving us a lovely long vista. We have made a small stab at clearing the ground and developing and grading the previously vertical stream banks. The soil is perpetually moist as the water table is less the 2' below the main level. It is like chocolate pudding to dig - though it does cling to a shovel like glue.

We now have a home for about a dozen large clumps of waterside primulas, mostly of multi-species Candelabra (Proliferiae Section) hybrids from our old garden. A little history of these plants might be of interest.

Over twenty years ago Dr. Fletcher, Regius Keeper of the Edinburh Botanical Garden, came to Vancouver. He visited Stanley Park and was given a tour of an area under the care of Rhododendron specialist Alleyne Cook. Dr. Fletcher told Alleyne that the areas between and edging the beds of his Rhodos and Azaleas would be ideal for moisture loving primulas. On returning to Scotland he sent back seed of many Candelabra and Sikkemense Section species.

Thirty-two thousand seedlings were raised by ‘Cookie’ and his staff, and were set out beside the pathways in very large drifts of each species, an overwhelming sight extending as far as the eyes could see. The broad brushstrokes of colour included the gold and...
orange shades of Primula bulleyana, P. chungensis and P. aurantiaca, the clear yellow of P. helodoxa and P. beesiania's carmine-rose. An anonymous yellow-eyed vivid lilac species matched the colour of Iris versicolor which edged the bed. The lilac ones had come to 'Cookie' unnamed, from a friend who had raised them from seed. The leaves were long and rather floppy with very pale wide midribs. They were likely P. burmanica, the only yellow-eyed lilac species mentioned in my books and journals.

In very short order the Candelabra species cross-pollinated, and by the 1980's had swamped most of the original parent species. Little P. chungensis was a survivor and has maintained itself as have P. japonica and P. pulverulenta.

'Stanley Park' volunteer hybrid Candelabras are a glorious tribe, presenting a colour-wheel of shades. From golds to apricots to rich red-orange, from pastel pinks to deep rose-red. These are pale to vivid lilac ones as well. The lilacs resemble the original unnamed drift of 20 years ago. It has passed on its conspicuous yellow eye to the strain, enhancing all of the other colours.

One of the species has endowed many of the plants with showy whorls of slender curved bracts which extend out to almost the full span of the flower tiers. When the upper bud clusters are erect and close to the stalks they are surrounded by scabiosa-like pin cushions of bracts.

The strain has good looking deep green leaves, with rosy tinting on the petioles like P. bulleyana. Some of the flowers are frilled and upper flower stalks often show dense mealiness. For plants that are as easy to grow as radishes, they have many marks of grace and distinction.

We have recent evidence of this strain's toughness. Our plants were moved in the fall of 1989 and left on the surface of the ground with their roots wrapped in black plastic bags. Winter rains penetrated and washed away the soil and the clumps endured the New Year's unusual cold and snow unprotected. When unwrapped the roots were broken and weather damaged. They were reduced to 3' long and 1/4" thick pinky-orange stubs, without any sign of hair-roots. As their usual roots are at least a foot long I didn't expect the poor mistreated plants to flower in 1990.

They were planted in our new damp area here in March, and not only bloomed normally but produced multiple stalks of flowers as if they had spent the previous six months in the Garden of Eden. After this prodigious display of bloom they went on to add crowns throughout the summer. The coral and apricot colour forms produced their usual nice flush of August and September re-bloom. It has been necessary to divide them with a yield of 4 to 6 large individual plants to each original clump. When told of this 'Cookie' harumph (in his gruff New Zealand manner) that this was "Hybrid vigour". After all, they had almost succeeded in taking over his Stanley Park beds!

Alleyne Cook's use of the parent species in broad swaths of each colour was a master stroke. Although I do not have any of the individual species that he used so beautifully, a similar effect can be made from the Hybrids. If especially good colour forms are divided and set into groupings, they can come close to duplicating all of the vivid original colours of the species. Inferior forms and colours will appear from seed. Junk them immediately! This strain produces such great numbers of seedlings that no grower should be found wanting of splendid colour forms.

Easy Candelabras

P. bulleyana (27°-30°) Gold with orange buds; is easy and will persist well. If you have hybrid strains of the Stanley Park type in your garden re-sowing of P. bulleyana will likely be needed as the hybrids tend to take over.

P. pulverulenta (27°-30°) Cerise to crimson to purple-red, with pinks in the 'Bartley' strain; very long lived and will remain pure. A grouping of plants in our previous garden were going strong after 15 years. Keep an eye out for better (closer to crimson) colour forms, divide these and collect seed from them. Although P. pulverulenta and P. japonica often have similar coloured deep carmine to fuchsia-red flowers they can be easily identified by their foliage. P. pulverulenta has rather dull surfaced leaves with sandpaper textured margins. P. japonica has crisp leaves rather like romaine lettuce.

P. japonica (27°) White to fuchsia-red; possibly the easiest to grow. Colours come true from seed.

P. chungensis (12°-15°) A good easy species. Smaller and paler coloured and less showy than P. bulleyana but reliable and attractive in drifts. Manages on less moisture than the larger Candelabras.

P. cockburniana (6°-8°) Small vivid orange flowers. In the occasional garden it has been known to seed into pathways so obviously needs less water than most of the section.

Less Easy Candelabra

P. anisidora and P. helodoxa are the only two evergreen species from the Candelabra (Proliferae) section that are at all 'commonly' grown. Neither is easy to maintain. The species are so dissimilar that there should be no problem in identification.

P. anisidora (18°-21°) Evergreen, anise-scented. A victim of poor press, the colour is usually described as dull purple-red but I was given a plant from the U.B.C. Botanical Garden that was a very dark glowing scarlet-red with a showy vivid gold eye. The reverse of the petals is blackish crimson. The leaves were strong textured and ruffled - the best looking of all the Candelabra crowns I've seen. The drawing of my plant from the UBC Botanical Gardens is included here because illustrations
of it are so rare. I have seen only one photograph of a very drawn-up plant which looked most undesirable and left me with no urge to grow the species until I was presented with the UBC's brighter coloured superior form.

P. helodoxa (27") Evergreen, bright citron-yellow. It is not easy to keep going but is worth every effort as it lights up the garden with its glorious yellow.

Easy Companions from the Sikkimense Section

P. alpica (15'-18") Is a graceful species which will send up a second tier of flowers if well situated. It requires only a moderate supply of moisture. There are three colour forms: 'Luna' - a misty pale yellow. 'Violacea' - from light to deep blue including a stunning blue-violet shade. 'Alba' - a lovely white to ivory-white form. Occasional dirty grey-white forms will appear. Select out the cleaner whites as they shine out beautifully in the garden.

P. florindae (36'-42") Mop-headed species, clear yellow to bronzy shades. The clear yellows show up best. They will take all the moisture you can supply them, and although they are often seen doing well in moderately moist garden beds the overall size is reduced and the increase is slower.

P. florindae x waitoni (15") is a spectacular scarlet-red. It has very handsome heart-shaped red-petioled leaves. This attractive plant can persist for years given the right conditions. Moderately moist soil with ample leaf mold seems to be to its taste. As it is a late blooming variety - coming out with the Hostas - it is very useful in the garden.

GROWING PRIMROSES ON THE BRUCE PENINSULA

by Elinor Moyer
Wiarton, Ontario

The Bruce Peninsula is famous among naturalists, and thousands of people visit this area each year to see many rare and unusual plants. There are over forty species of orchids, some of which start to bloom in mid-May and others follow through until early October. In June a great display of other wildflowers may be seen on the Peninsula.

The Yellow Lady Slipper orchid is the most abundant native orchid on the Bruce and can be seen thriving along roadides in the upper Peninsula. It starts to bloom around May 22nd to the first half of June.

Several years ago we retired to the Bruce Peninsula in Central Ontario, Canada. Since coming to live on the Bruce, we have built many varieties of gardens, including five large rock gardens with many rare alpines, several beds of perennials and Primroses.

We find that Primroses grow very well in this area, with the climate being on the damp side. Although the days are warm in summer, the nights are very cool. The weather is modified in winter by the surrounding waters of the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Winter temperatures rarely drop below -10 degrees F. and usually stay about 15-20 degrees above zero F.

I was fortunate to obtain seeds from Barnhaven, just before they closed; Polyanthus, Acaulis, Sieboldii, Gold Laced, Elizabethan Primroses, and all the colours of the Victorians. The germination was excellent and produced a thousand plants, many of which bloomed the same year in the fall.

At present we have over three thousand Primroses in about sixty species. These and other perennials were started under fluorescent lights in a spare room in our home in January and February. This year I started the seeds of auriculas and double primroses, which I have never grown before, so this will be a new adventure.

The Primrose gardens are surrounded by a woodland, which gives them part shade and shelter. The beds are built up of a loamy topsoil, composted manure and some gravel for drainage. Fish emulsion is applied in the spring and again in early summer.

We have many garden visitors each year, starting about the middle of May until early fall. Anyone visiting in our area wishing to see the gardens would be most welcome. We are one mile north of Wiarton on No. 6 highway.
SEED SOURCES

The following listings for the APS Quarterly is a revision of one printed in the Winter, 1990 APS Quarterly. Verification of the data was obtained from horticultural documents located at the University of Washington's Miller Library, as well as from June Skidmore, Thea Oakley, Barbara Flynn, and Valerie Woolley. The data copied from the Winter 1990 Quarterly that was not verified this year is identified by an asterisk "*".

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