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In response to my comments in the Spring Bulletin about the severe winter weather, I have received letters from members in this country, Belgium, and the USA. These I have included in the Scrap Bowl and I hope you will find them interesting.

Mother Nature has since dealt us another blow in this part of the West Country by not only providing us with the wettest May for many years but also a record flood level (the highest for over 100 years) causing extensive damage in the garden and the house. On May 30th 2.3 inches of rain fell in 12 hours. Our heathers are proving themselves to be 'hardy' in every respect. They are apparently undaunted even by the removal of all the top soil from around their roots (this has since been replaced by the barrowload).

We now live in hope of a 'normal' year's weather in 1980 without drought, severe frost or flood.

Diane Jones.

9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 31st AUGUST - 2nd SEPTEMBER 1979

Firm bookings for the Conference, details of which were published in the Spring Bulletin, should have reached Ken Farrah, 7 Rossley Close, Highcliffe, near Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 4RR by 14th July, but if you have not yet done so, please send your accommodation fee now. Day visitors in particular may like to know that the speakers and topics will be:

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| Friday p.m. | 'Introduction to the Dorset Heaths' Dr. M.G. Morris & Dr. S. Chapman, Inst. of Terrestrial Ecology, Furzebrook. |
| | Mr. M. Tuck, Nature Conservancy Council. |
| Saturday a.m. | Mr. C.D. Brickell, President of the Heather Society (prov.) Mr. D. McClintock, Flower pressing demonstration. |
| | Mr. D. Chalk, 'Plants to grow in association with heathers'. |
| Saturday p.m. | Visit to the Dorset Heaths/Garden Visit. Open Forum. |
| Sunday a.m. | Mrs. D. Metheny, 'Heather gardening on the Pacific Coast of the USA'. Mr. J. Hall, Windlesham Court Nurseries Ltd. |
| | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Agenda enclosed). Mrs. M. Boxall, 'Flower arrangements using heather'. |
| Sunday p.m. | Mr. H. Street, Talk & discussion 'Design for Heather'. Mrs. R. Hayden, 'Pages from the life of Mary Delaney'. |
| Sunday evening | 'Ten Minute Topics' - Members are invited to bring their own slides. |

ERICA CILIARIS 'EGDON HEATH'

Extract from Newsletter No. 38 (March 1979) of the Thomas Hardy Society Ltd.,
"A new heather - 'EGDON HEATH'

... what a pleasant surprise it was, at the end of last November, to have a telephone call from Miss Joyce Burfitt of Lytchett Matravers, Poole, to say that she had found a new variety of the Dorset Heath (Erica ciliaris), grown it on and was about to register the name. What name would we like to suggest? Since this is a variety of the ciliaris, from the neighbourhood of Hardy's Egdon Heath, we decided that should be the name - 'Egdon Heath'."

COVENANTS AND DONATIONS

We are most grateful to all our members who have signed covenants since the change in subscription rates last January. This is one way in which members can benefit the Society without any additional cost to themselves. As the Society is recognised by the Charity Commissioners as a charity, subscriptions are not liable to income tax, and tax already paid on funds from which subscriptions are met can be recovered by the Society. If all our members were to covenant their subscriptions, the additional income to the Society would amount to more than £1000 annually.

There is another way in which members can help the Society's finances - by paying their subscriptions promptly, instead of waiting for a reminder. This year, with the high rate of postage, the cost of writing to members about their subscriptions has been a far from negligible item of expenditure.

Some of our members have generously made donations in addition to their subscriptions, and for these the Society is most grateful and members of Council would like to express their warm appreciation.

In conclusion - we have had a few Bankers' Order payments come through at the old subscription rate - obviously the old order has not been cancelled by these members. The expense of repaying these would be considerable. If this has happened to you (please check your bank statements) would you ask your bank to request a refund? Otherwise we are taking the liberty of treating the duplicate payment as a donation to our funds and would like to thank you for your generosity!

MINI TRIALS

Our first new Mini-trialler has come along - Mr. A. M. Duncan of Colchester. He is going to examine the forms of Daboecia x scotica. This is a useful choice, and he has been apprised of where he may obtain all the cultivars at present named. However, these hybrids are fertile and their progeny, on their own or backcrossed, usually to D cantabrica may well extend the range of worth-while plants. So if anyone has any plants which may be of hybrid offspring, do let Mr. Duncan know. But, this apart, his eventual opinions of the merits of the different cultivars will be valuable.

And with this example, who else is going to examine - what?

David McClintock.

HEATHER SOCIETY COLOUR CHART

One of the main reasons for publishing the Colour Chart was to ensure that standard names should be used in describing the colours of heathers. By using the words 'deep' or 'pale' in conjunction with the sixteen colours on the Chart a range of 48 colour shades is available. Experience in using the Chart in preparing the Harlow Car Trials Report has shown that few, if any, heathers fail to come within the range of the colours on the Chart. There should, therefore, be no need to use any other colour names.

We do urge our members to use the names on the Chart, whenever they wish to describe the colour of a particular heather, and not to use colour names which do not appear on the Chart.

THE CORRECT NAMING OF HEATHER CULTIVARS

Most of our members will have noticed, at some time or other, that a heather has been wrongly labelled. Some of us, indeed, get quite bothered by what we consider to be a stupid or careless mistake. As members of the Heather Society we should do what we can to correct obvious errors, which usually occur quite accidentally.

For example, labels are often carelessly replaced by customers in garden centres; in public parks and gardens they are disturbed by frost, birds and other agencies (sometimes, alas, deliberately). Professional growers handle many thousands of small cuttings daily, and it is inevitable that a few rogues will appear in the wrong place; and until the flowers appear (often after despatch from a nursery) the difference between similar cultivars is not apparent. Owners of nurseries take trouble to avoid such errors, but none of them would claim to be infallible. However careful the precautions, mistakes will occur. There are many other ways in which names can go astray.

What can we do to help? Here a word of caution is necessary. Although most of us may accept suggestions that our heathers are wrongly named, there are some who strongly resent any such imputation and will stubbornly refuse to accept the advice of a well-wisher (labelling him an interfering 'know-all'). So tread warily.

If you give advice, be sure of your facts. After all, your own specimen may have been wrongly named. This is where the value of Reference Collections becomes apparent. At the Society's Trial Grounds at Harlow Car great care was taken to establish the authenticity of the stocks grown. And the new heather Reference Collection which is being started at Wisley will have as one of its main aims the conservation of authentic cultivars - the living equivalent of a herbarium. This is where we hope that you will be able to settle any argument about the correct naming of your heathers.

Pat Turpin.

VISITS BY MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN HEATHER SOCIETY

Two members of the Gesellschaft der Heidefreunde, Herr H. Westermann, a committee member, and Herr K. Kramer, paid us a welcome visit from 2nd/10th March. They had planned to come over for the RHS Show and Heather competition in the middle of February but the snow and ice caused them to postpone their visit. Herr Westermann has the largest retail nursery in Germany at Bispingen, on the edge of the Lüneburg Heath, where the Callunas 'Carl Röders' and 'Naturpark' were originally propagated. Herr Kramer's wholesale nursery is at Suddorf, south of Oldenburg, where he specialises in Callunas and grows over 200 different cultivars.

They made an extensive tour by car of nurseries including Windlesham Court, Tabramhill, Bressingham and Denbeigh, and visited the Turpins, McClintocks and Nicholsons. They also managed to see Wisley and Harlow Car.

Although heathers were far from their best after the severe winter (except for the coloured foliage varieties), they made some valuable contacts, and their visit and that of Herr & Frau Schroeder in May helped to seal the growing friendship between our two Societies.

GROUP NEWS

MIDLANDS

The Group's second social evening was held on 31st March when 24 members met at The Spinney, Little Hay, the home of Alan and Gwen Dudley. Their garden, in a lovely rural setting, has many well-sited heathers which were duly inspected and admired. The Carneas were still at their peak, although some of the tree heaths looked far from happy after the severe frosts. With the support of several of the members, Gwen had prepared an excellent buffet supper and everyone enjoyed the opportunities for chats which the clock so ruthlessly cuts short at the more formal meetings. Our grateful thanks to our hosts for such a splendid evening.

Harold Street.

Visits have been arranged for 15th September beginning with a picnic lunch in Sutton Park at 12.30 p.m. The Park should be entered by the Streetly Gate which is situated on the B4138 (Thornhill Road) near to Streetly Village. Follow the road into the Park for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the end of the wooded area, then turn left onto a rough track over the open land. Look out for "HEATHER SOCIETY" sign. We shall be able to walk through some of the extensive areas of heather growing wild, before moving on to a private garden in Four Oaks.

We have been invited by a member of our Group, Miss Sheila Bailey, to see her garden at 27 Ladywood Road, Four Oaks, and she has kindly offered to provide us with a cup of tea. For further information 'phone Alan Dudley, Shenstone (0543) 481183.

MID SOUTHERN

Once again the centrally situated Friends Meeting House, Dorking, was chosen for a social opening to the season. Mr. Eric Cook gave us a glimpse, by means of his most professional transparencies and vivid descriptions, into the sometimes hazardous or amusing experiences which he and Mrs. Cook lived through on a visit to Nepal, Sikkim and Kashmir, with a fluent account of the history of the races inhabiting these colourful countries, their beliefs and the influence they have had on their lives and architecture. Tea followed with many delicacies brought by the ladies.

Filma Dene, Burstow: Tremendous credit is due to Mr. Roy Turner for opening his garden to the public under the National Gardens Scheme in very difficult circumstances as just six weeks before his wife, Mabel, suffered a severe stroke.* She was well enough to go home for the three open days (May 12th, 13th & 20th) and for the celebration of their Golden Wedding on that day of perfect weather, the 19th. No two consecutive weekends could have shown such contrast of seasonal flowers, giving an entirely different aspect to the garden. May 12th/13th was the first sunny weekend of a cold spring with daffodils and narcissi still blooming well. The following week of very warm weather replaced these by the more seasonable primulas and Wisteria, golden tulips and Cheiranthus, double cherries and late opening leaves of Robinia and Acer species, whilst Magnolias, Chaenomeles, Rhododendrons and Berberis continued their display. The heathers demonstrated their fortitude in having thrived despite the months of soaking in the waterlogged clay soil. But so much was behind this year, that the best of garden colour was seen by the owners alone in the weeks that followed.

Visitors were interested to learn that most of the mature trees, shrubs and plants were raised by Mr. Turner from seed or cuttings at a time when nursery stock was not available. For although the garden was begun some 50 years ago, the main development came after the war, during which it had been neglected and stripped by vandals. The Turners, with no outside help, no weedkillers and the minimum of equipment, have planned a garden to give all the year round colour - maintaining the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres in beautiful condition to this day. Heather Society members - some from far away - came on all three days and some helped on the Plant Stall which, together with the 230 teas served continuously and the fine weather (the rain came 5 minutes before closing time on the last day), contributed to the most gratifying total donated to the Queen's Nursing Institute.

Other Group members who have once again opened their garden to the public include Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Boxall at Gilridge, who found that, despite inclement weather (gardeners are undeterred!) they exceeded the high target they had set themselves.

*The cards and letters sent by many of you have been of great encouragement to Mrs. Turner, who is now home after 13 weeks in hospital continuing speech & physiotherapy.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Bowerman will be opening on August 16-17th and the Mid Southern Group will be joining in with one of Dr. Stephen Laing's Open Days on 26th August. We meet first at 2 p.m. at the Haslemere home of specialist heather nurseryman, Peter Davis. (Some of you may remember him telling us, at the Farnham Conference, the story of this nursery's development). The last meeting of the year will be on October 21st when we will be visiting Wakehurst Place to see late callunas in a setting of splendid autumn colours. (Directions: 1½ miles N.W. of Ardingly near Haywards Heath, on the B2028. 11.30 a.m. in the carpark).

Pamela Lee.

SOUTH WEST

Our first meeting of the year was held at Bert and Diane Jones' nursery-garden at West Camel. This visit, on a bright afternoon in March, enabled members to assess the level of the winter's damage to heaths in this area of Somerset. Bert and Diane showed us Erica arborea, E. x veitchii, and E. lusitanica which appeared to be totally dead; Erica erigenas exhibiting severe frost damage, including split stems; and various Erica x darleyensis suffering from bud drop. However the reputedly tender Erica manipuliflora had survived with flying colours, as it had in my own garden, and so had Erica terminalis. Fortunately the carneas were very colourful and 'Myretoun Ruby' was much admired.

The second visit of the year was to Professor Broadbent's garden at Widcombe, Bath. Members marvelled at the superb garden set in an attractive valley below Prior Park, only a "stone's throw" from the city centre. Once again frost damage was in evidence, but the display of conifers of all shapes and sizes was truly magnificent, with Junipers growing particularly well on the limey soil. Erica x darleyensis grew amongst the conifers, displaying its usefulness in high pH soils, and a well tended stream running through the middle of the garden completed the picturesque scene. The afternoon in Bath was completed by a visit to Ruth Hayden's house and garden where we were kindly provided with tea. This garden is also on limestone and is split into various levels with fine displays of winter flowering heaths.

On the evening of May 18th, members were welcomed by Mr. T. Lowndes of MacPenny's Nursery at Bransgore in the New Forest, and shown round the delightful woodland garden adjoining the nursery and the propagation houses. A magnificent display of spring flowering heaths and shrubs in the woodland area advertised the expertise of this nursery in producing quality plants. Our thanks go to Mr. Lowndes for this opportunity to view the commercial side of our hobby.

A warm and sunny Saturday afternoon (yes - there was one!) welcomed members to Mrs. P. Kennedy's garden at Sway in the New Forest on June 16th. This garden, although small, is packed with many lesser known plants and members were well treated to the unusual. A highlight of the afternoon was the presence of Mrs. Kennedy's cousin, John Crewe-Brown and his wife, who gave us all an interesting account of Cape Heath gardening. John Crewe-Brown showed us slides of his garden near Johannesburg and talked about his efforts and successes in hybridising many of the Cape Heath species, and indeed a current attempt to hybridise Erica caffra and our own Erica australis. Visitors to this meeting included David and Ann Small and Dr. Violet Gray, all providing a valuable exchange of information regarding Cape Heath cultivation. The idea of hybridising European heaths with Cape Heaths was given further impetus when Bert Jones suggested that Erica tetralix, so good as a hybrid parent in this country, may also be a potential parent in this exciting extension of heath propagation. Our thanks go to Mrs. Kennedy for providing the venue for an

enjoyable afternoon and for serving such a delicious tea. Phil Joiner.

OVERSEAS - PACIFIC NORTHWEST (USA/CANADA)

Our membership (up to May 1979) has grown to 64 which includes two members on the East Coast - some 3000 miles away! This area may hopefully provide more heather enthusiasts and develop into a Group in its own right. My first thought is that a useful direct contact with the Pacific Group could be set up since we can exchange cuttings quickly and easily inside USA. Our best wishes go to Mrs. Walsh in Maine in her attempt to gather the East Coast growers and fanciers into an organised group.

I am now looking forward to my trip to the U.K. and joining Heather Society members at their Annual Conference in Dorset.

Dorothy Metheny.

RHS WINTER FLOWERING HEATHER COMPETITIONS

AT THE RHS NEW HALL, LONDON, FEBRUARY 20/21st 1979

Class 5: a Heath or Heather in bloom, one plant. No entries

Class 6: a Heath or Heather in bloom, one vase. 6 entries

1st: Maj.-Gen. P.G. Turpin E. x darleyensis 'Ghost Hills'

2nd: Maj.-Gen. P.G. Turpin E. x darleyensis 'White Glow'

3rd: Nymans Gardens E. x darleyensis

Class 7: a Heath or Heather shown for foliage effect, one plant. 1 entry

1st: Maj.-Gen. P.G. Turpin Calluna vulgaris 'Bunsall'

Class 13: a Tree or Shrub grown under glass.

1st: Mr. R.N. Stephenson Clarke, Erica canaliculata
Borde Hill

3rd: Nymans Gardens Erica canaliculata

Entries were very much lower than usual due to bad weather holding everything back; but we hope that it won't be quite so bad next season and that many more members will be encouraged to enter these competitions.

An attractive display, produced, arranged and mounted by Maj.-Gen. & Mrs. Turpin, of heather plants and cut flowers, formed the Heather Society's stand. The cultivars chosen were: E. carnea 'Foxhollow Fairy', Myretoun Ruby', 'December Red' and for foliage effect Calluna 'Ann Sparkes', 'Robert Chapman', 'Sunset' and 'Sir John Charrington'. Mrs. Turpin, Mr. & Mrs. Mayne, Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Gillespie took turns at manning the stand.

Hon. Secretary.

DIARY OF EVENTS

- Aug. 7th Heather competitions and talk "A day in my heather garden", David McClintock, RHS Hall, Westminster.
- Aug. 16-17th Garden Open Days, Champs Hill, Coldwaltham, Pulborough, Sussex, (Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Bowerman) 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Aug. 26th Mid Southern: 2 p.m. Peter Davis' Nursery, Timber Tops, Marley Cmn. Haslemere, Dr. Laing's garden, Upper Rake Hanger, Rake, Hants. (see Group News).
- Aug. 31st- 9th Annual Conference and A.G.M., Weymouth, Dorset.
- Sept. 2nd
- Sept. 8-9th Sheffield Group: Plant display, Sheffield Bot. Gardens Weekend.
- Sept. 15th Midlands: see Group News.
- Sept. 15th CLOSING DATE for Autumn Bulletin material.

Oct. 21st Mid Southern visit Wakehurst Place 11.30 a.m. (see Group News).
Oct. 31st CLOSING DATE for Year Book Material.
Nov. 23rd Midlands: Meeting 7.15 p.m. at "Winterbourne" Extra-Mural Dept.
B'ham Univ. 56 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham 15.

NEW MEMBERS (notified since publication of enclosed Supplement)

- Z1 Whitmarsh, A.R.T., "Highveld", The Braes of Ullapool, Wester Ross.
Z2 Bradley, J.M., "Ard-Lure", Station Rd., Maghera, Co. Derby, N. Ireland.
" Keogh, Mrs. R., "Heathcrest", Glenalua Rd., Killiney 1, Co. Dublin, Ireland.
Z3 Barnett, R., 60 Greystones Close, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
" Hardwick, D., 43 Dore Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
Z6 Farley, M., 12 Garner Close, Nort Hill, nr. Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.
Z7 Nesbitt, Mrs. B.F., Silkwood, Warreners Lane, Weybridge, Surrey.
" Thomson, R., 130 Greenway Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E.17.
Z8 Crawshaw, Miss K., 2 Swanmore Park House, Swanmore, Southampton, Hants.
" Nicholas, R.J., 3 Frogmore Cottages, Norley Wood, nr. Lymington, Hants.
" Porteus, Mr. & Mrs. D.M., Four Winds, 257 Castle Rd., Salisbury, Wilts.
Z9 Crick, Mrs. B., 2845 140th Avenue, N.E. Bellevue, Washington 98005, USA.
" Kierstead, Mrs. S., Seaverns Bridge Rd., Amherst N.M. 03031, USA.
" Munson, R.H., 20 Plant Science Bldg., Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853, USA.
" Wheeler, Mrs. J.A., Box 181, Westport Point, Massa. 02791, USA.

Change of Address (Year Book p.68)

- Z1 Scottish Rock Gdn. Club, D.J. Donald (Sec.), Morea, Main Rd., Balbeggie, Perth.
Z8 Bond, S.W., Thuya Alpine Nurseries, Glebelands, Hartbury, Glos.

SCRAP BOWL

Heathers on Postage Stamps - At the 1978 Conference at Losehill Hall, David McClintock exhibited a recent issue of Irish stamps attractively depicting four famous examples of the Irish flora: 8p. Gentiana verna; 10p. Arbutus unedo; 11p. Pinguicula grandiflora; and 17p. Daboecia cantabrica. This is only the second case of a heather appearing on a postage stamp. In 1973 the Republic of South Africa issued a 2c. stamp illustrating the Cape Heath, Erica blenna, designed by Ernst de Jong. Another ericaceous plant, Phyllodoce caerulea, was pictured on a Norwegian 1 Kr. stamp, also in 1973.

Erica carnea 'Porter's Red' Who can tell us what the source of this plant is, and who Porter was? One member who has it writes - "It did come from somewhere in England - perhaps the Proudleys sent me cuttings. Or I may have got it from the man ... name now forgotten and I believe I read that he had died and the nursery was sold ... at Pirbright". The Registrar would welcome something more precise!

Erica tetralix - Descriptions of the Cross-leaved Heath are not very specific about the number of florets that may be found in the typical umbel. Clapham, Tutin and Warburg describe the flowers as "4 to 12 in terminal umbel-like clusters, nodding in flower". W.J. Bean cautiously goes a little further with "4 to 12 (or more)". Last summer, noticing a plant which appeared to be more than usually floriferous, I counted as many as 18 to 20 florets in a single umbel. It would be interesting to hear the experiences of other members.

Pat Turpin, W. Clandon.

Book on S. African flora - Members may like to know of "Wild Flowers of Table Mountain" by Prof. W.P.V. Jackson, published in Cape Town for £12.95 in 1977. It contains many superb photographs, in particular, between Plates 74 and 83, of Ericas abietina, cerinthoides, massonii, pulchella, phylicaefolia, conica, pyxidiflora, obliqua, glutinosa and physodes. There is a copy in the Lindley library at the RHS.

Erica cinerea var schizopetala - I am looking into the forms of E. cinerea with split corollas, such as 'Schizopetala' and 'W.G. Notley'. Would members kindly let me know the source of any plants they grow as 'Schizopetala', preferably with a flowering sample; and if they have, or have had, any other plants with this interesting character.

David McClintock.

- * Winter hardiness of heathers 1978/1979 - "My E. lusitanica has suffered with burnt tops especially 'George Hunt'. The other tree heaths have come through unscathed including E. australis and E. erigena. My only losses are D. cantabrica 'Praegerae' and 'Alba Globosa'. The low temperatures have certainly intensified the colour on the foliage varieties".

John Bridgland, Hants.

"I live on high (by Belgium standards) open ground about 20 miles south of Brussels. During the first week of the year my thermometer registered a minimum of -23°C . and a maximum of -12°C . Practically all my plants are less than 3 years old. Losses were limited to E. erigena (totally) and E. arborea 'Estrella Gold' - the latter plant has taken on a fresh lease of life where it had layered itself. Unfortunately only 5% of last summer's cuttings have survived despite being in a cold frame."

G.I. Lumley, Belgium.

"We had a very rough winter with minimal snow cover and lots of rain in between but it was not a particularly cold winter for this part of New Hampshire. All my Callunas came through without damage, and the two Ericas which had a 90% dieback are now growing. I was really quite pleased with my heathers since I and many others around here lost a lot of perennials."

Susan Kierstead, USA.

"Washington and British Columbian members all agreed that the past winter had been noticeably hard on Callunas, some of which at this writing still are not showing any inclination to come back to life. Stuart Fraser reports even his more tender species came through well, protected by a snow blanket. Two members suggested that examples of freeze-split tree heath stems be sent to Dr. Hubertus Kohn who is studying winter hardiness of plants at Bellingham, in hopes that he may shed some light on their singular behaviour in a severe freeze".

Dr. Kohn reported that both he and Dr. Lovatt of the Carnegie Foundation, a noted authority on plant hardiness, took great interest in the problem, but so far with no definitive explanation.

Pacific Northwest, USA.

(More can be read in their Newsletter, available on loan from Mrs. Diane Jones)

* It is interesting to note that the Institute of Low Temperature Science in Hokkaido, Sapporo, Japan 060, have been studying these problems in detail.

Similar seedlings - In general, seedlings from cultivars do not match their female parent. There are obvious reasons for this. For one thing, the pollen parent may have had some effect (the extent to which heathers are self-fertile is a matter which still needs looking into). For another, normal genetics demand that earlier characters appear than these of just the immediate parent. There are however, cases where seedlings have appeared inseparable from their apparent parent near by. The occasional single flowers on Calluna 'Alba Plena' have done this on at least three occasions: on one of them the plant was called 'Isobel Hughes'. This is a distinct creation, but seems to differ in no way from 'Alba Plena'. E. cinerea 'C.G. Best' has replicated itself in Mr. McClintock's garden, the seedling being of exactly the same habit, colour etc. A suitable name for it, (NOT to be taken up) is 'Second Best'. Similar examples have been heard of among other species too. May we hear of them?