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acting as
INTERNATIONAL CULTIVAR REGISTRATION AUTHORITY
Certifies that
Erica x stuartii 'Mysterious Colleen'
has been registered by Susie Kay



REGISTRAR _____ DATE _____

Cultivar registration number: DME 2018-04

Erica x stuartii 'Mysterious Colleen'

Bushy, low-growing heather, with pronounced tendency to produce "discoloured" (yellow) branchlets that gradually turn green; retains yellow (dis)colouring into late summer; long cilia (hairs) on margins of leaves and sepals usually not gland-tipped. Flowers in terminal umbel; VIII-X; corolla white; ovary pale green, cylindrical, with uneven covering (mainly around upper part) of short hairs; anthers pale tan, with prominent awns; nectary ring green.

This is only the second clone of Praeger's heath known to have white flowers (see *Heathers* 9: 76 (2012); *Ericultura* 163: 14 (2011)). The origin of this clone is not known; various sources have been suggested including Spanish collections made by McClintock, Nelson and Small (see *Yearbook of The Heather Society* 1983: 33-40), but that can be discounted as no specimens of *E. x stuartii* were collected during that trip in 1982 (after which *Erica mackayana* 'Shining Light' and 'Galicia' were selected and named). This "new" clone is grown in Connemara by Susie and Alan Kay, from material given to Susie Kay by Dr John Griffiths. While John Griffiths has raised many hybrids by artificial means, he has not claimed any white-blossomed clone of *E. x stuartii*.