

NEW PLANTS IN THE PHILATELIC HERBARIUM

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This is the fourth edition of this column. I am still figuring out how best to present the entries. Please let me know if there is a better way to do this.



Rhynchosyris notonianum GESNERIACEAE, East Indian Klugia, Nil Diva Mal, Nari Nakuta

Synonyms: *Wulfenia notoniana*

Annual herbs with fleshy-succulent stems and creeping habit. Stems and leaves are hairy. Strongly asymmetrical leaves. Found on wet and shady rocks and in forest or open shady places, usually in the lowlands. Distribution from India and southern China to New Guinea, one (to three?) ssp. in Central America.

Sri Lanka Sc#2040. Definitive issue featuring flowers of Sri Lanka, issued 7 October 2016. Printed by Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka on 102 gram/square meter security

stamp paper with fiber and PVA gum, by offset lithography, in four colors. Series designed by Sudath Jawawardena. Print run 15,000,000.



Strobilanthes viscosus ACANTHACEAE, Nelu

Synonyms: *Endopogon argutus*, *E. digitalis*, *E. viscosus*, *Pseudostenosiphonium argutum*, *P. digirale*

Endemic to Sri Lanka. Undershrub 0.3–2.5 m. Grows in mountain areas. Blooms November–March. Inflorescence 2–11 cm white or pale pink purple flowers.

Sri Lanka Sc#2041. Definitive issue featuring flowers of Sri Lanka, issued 7 October 2016. Print run 6,000,000.

Schumacheria alnifolia DILLENIACEAE

Shrub endemic to Sri Lanka. Only six individuals were found in the Peak Wilderness Sanctuary during extensive forest surveys conducted between 1991 and 1996 for the National Conservation Review, suggesting it either extremely rare or possibly extinct, according to IUCN Red List.

Sri Lanka Sc#2044. Definitive issue featuring flowers of Sri Lanka, issued 7 October 2016. Print run 4,500,000.



Adrorhizon purpurascens ORCHIDACEAE

Synonyms: *Coelogyne purpurascens*, *Dendrobium purpurascens*, *Pleione purpurascens*

The only species in the genus *Adrorhizon* and one of three genera in the subtribe Adrorhizinae. The genus is native to southern India and Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Sc#2046. Definitive issue featuring flowers of Sri Lanka, issued 7 October 2016. Print run 6,000,000.

Impatiens henslowiana BALSAMINACEAE, Henslow's Balsam, Kele Kudalu

Synonym: *Impatiens albida*

Woody shrub 0.6–1.5 m, succulent when young. Solitary or fascicular white flowers from April to October. Found in southern Western Ghats in ravines and clefts of rocks, 600–2000 m, in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Sri Lanka. Flowering: April–October.

Sri Lanka Sc#2049. Definitive issue featuring flowers of Sri Lanka, issued 7 October 2016. Print run 9,000,000.





Actaea rubra RANUNCULACEAE, Red Baneberry

Synonyms: 43 recognized synonyms

Herbaceous plant to 0.6 m. Compound leaves with two or more leaflets. White flowers appear in spring to early summer, with red poisonous berries, 5–11 mm in size, in late summer. Rich soils, in moist forests. Circumboreal distribution.

Suriname Sc#1506a issued on 15 February 2017 in a sheet of 12. Printing: four colors offset. Gum: synthetic. Paper: stamp paper without watermark. Printer: Oostenrijkse Statsdrukkerij (Austrian State Printer, Vienna). Designer: Studio Labranda.

Delphinium cardinale RANUNCULACEAE, Scarlet Larkspur

Synonyms: *Delphinium cardinale* var. *angustifolium*, *D. coccineum*, *D. flammeum*

A summer deciduous perennial herb, with erect stem to 2 m. Basal leaves are lobed. Flowers 3 cm wide and 3 cm long appear in spring and summer. Native to California and Baja California. Grows in coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and foothill woodland in sun and part shade.

Suriname Sc#1506j. Issued on 15 February 2017 in a sheet of 12.



Vancouveria hexandra BERBERIDACEAE, Northern Inside-out Flower, American Barrenwort

Synonym: *Epimedium hexandrum*

Rhizomatous, basal-leaved, woodland perennial that grows to 30–45 cm. Drooping white flowers and fruits in May–July. Grows in Redwood and Douglas Fir forests, deep shade; 100–1700 m in western Cascade Mountains.

Suriname Sc#1506l. Issued 15 February 2017 in sheet of 12.

Lycopodium diaphanum LYCOPODIACEAE, Devil's Fingers

This common clubmoss, one of three species found at the islands, is easily recognized by its silvery sheen. The vegetative stems are creeping, with aerial stems up to 14 cm long, often topped by reproductive cones. Devil's fingers are endemic to Tristan, Inaccessible, and Gough. They occur up to 650 m on Tristan, but only 450 m on Gough.

Tristan da Cunha Sc#1090. Biodiversity Series II, Issued 7 December 2016. Designer: Andrew Robinson. Photography: Cliff Dorse. Printer: Cartor Security Printing. Process: Stochastic Lithography.



Cotula goughensis ASTERACEAE, Gough Brass Button

“Two species of brass buttons—yellow-flowered perennial members of the daisy family about 10–20 cm high—are endemic to the islands. The Gough Brass Button is confined to Gough Island, where it is locally common in coastal areas, especially where there is moderate trampling by seals and penguins,” according to the Tristan da Cunha postal service.

Tristan da Cunha Sc#1094, Biodiversity Series II, issued 7 December 2016. Photo: Peter Ryan.

***Paeonia kesrouanensis*** PAEONIACEAE

Synonyms: *Paeonia corallina* var. *kesrouanensis*, *P. mascula* ssp. *kesrouanensis*, *P. turcica*

Perennial. Large, pink, bowl-shaped flowers 10 cm across, with yellow stamens, borne on tall stems, very early, just as the foliage unfurls. Glabrous, biternate, and lobed leaves on 45 to 60 cm stems. Endemic to Syria, Turkey, and Lebanon growing on the edges of oak forests.

Turkey Sc#3495. Issued 23 April 2016 for EXPO 2016 in Antalya, in a set of seven. Printer: PTT Printing House

***Echeveria agavoides* var. *corderoyi*** CRASSULACEAE, Echeveria

Synonyms: *Cotyledon corderoyi*, *Echeveria corderoyi*, *Urbinia corderoyi*

Succulent that grows in a dense rosette 15–20 cm with 60–70 leaves. Stems, 34 per base, 35–45 cm tall bear red and yellow flowers. Not found in wild.

United States Sc#5198. Issued 28 April 2017 in San Francisco. Designed and typographed by Greg Breeding, Charlottesville, Virginia from a photograph by Erika Kirkpatrick, Laguna Niguel, California with art direction by William J. Glicker, Washington, DC. Printed in five colors using offset with microprint by Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd., Williamsville, New York on non-phosphored, block-tagged paper with pressure sensitive adhesive. Print run 100,000,000.

Portulaca cyclophylla PORTULACACEAE

Small circular brown leaves that provide a camouflage effect against its gravelly habitat. Unusual in having large, showy blooms of up to 3.5 cm in diameter, with extended central stigma. Found in arid, gravel habitats of central Western Australia.

Australia Sc#4645 & 4649. Succulent plants issue of 20 June 2017. Printed by EGO Print, in Keysborough, Victoria using a Pemara printer on Tullis Russell Red Phosphor gummed paper and on Raf Ulink self-adhesive paper. Designed by Janet Boschen of Boschen Design with photographs from the collection of Attila and Michele Kapitany.

***Tecticornia verrucosa*** AMARANTHACEAE

Low, bushy perennial shrub to 55 cm. Comprised of multi-segmented blue-green, fleshy stems, turning purplish-pink as plant matures and develops a thin interior woody core. Tolerates both saline sandy soils and mildly saline clay pans, as well as freshwater clay pans. Found in north, central, and southwest-central Western Australia, western Northern Territory, and northwestern South Australia.

Australia Sc#4646 & 4650. Succulent plants issue of 20 June 2017.

Calandrinia creethae PORTULACACEAE, Jellybeans

Rosette-like annual has a diameter of around 80 cm, with prostrate trailing stems developing from the rosette. Leaves vary in color from bright green, when juvenile, through yellow to orange and red, and flowers are pink or white. Grows in sandy soils in dry areas in central Western Australia.

Australia Sc#4647 & 4651. Succulent Plants issue of 20 June 2017.





***Gunniopsis quadrifida* AIZOACEAE**

Perennial low-growing shrub that reaches around 50 cm in height and 1.5 m in width. Rounded linear, greenish leaves with fleshy flowers that open up with four leaf-like outer “petals” and white to cream centers. Tolerates a range of soils. Found in southwestern Western Australia, southern Northern Territory, northern South Australia, southwestern Queensland, and northwestern New South Wales.

Australia Sc#4648 & 4652. Succulent plants issue of 20 June 2017.

***Crocus hartmannianus* IRIDACEAE**

Perennial herb to 15 cm occurs on stony ground on igneous or limestone substrate under *Pinus brutia* forests at 600–900 m. Endemic to Cyprus. Flowers pale lilac or white, stained violet on outer petals, appearing in early spring.

Cyprus Sc#1274. Wild flowers of Cyprus issued 16 February 2017. Set of 4 in MS/8. Printer: Veridos Matsoukis SA, Greece.



***Centaurea akamantis* ASTERACEAE, Akamas Centaury**

Subshrub or semi-woody herbaceous plant endemic to Cyprus. Known from three separate gorges on the Akamas Peninsula in northwestern part of the island on steep and humid limestone cliffs. Characterized by extremely long flowering and fruiting period. It can be found in calcareous rocky slopes with chasmophytic vegetation.

Cyprus Sc#1276. Wild Flowers of Cyprus issue of 26 February 2017.

***Staphylea colchica* STAPHYLEACEAE, Caucasian Bladdernut**

Deciduous shrub to 3–4.5 m. Pinnate compound leaves. Bell-shaped pentamerous greenish-white flowers, 12 mm, with fragrance like orange blossoms appearing in May. Inflated, baggy two- to three-lobed fruits, bladder-like in appearance have hard round seeds. Forest elevations to 1200 m in southern Caucasus Mountains.

Georgia Sc#525. Issued 15 December 2016.



***Lagunaria patersonia* MALVACEAE, Norfolk Island Hibiscus, Primrose Tree, Cow Itch Tree,**

Synonyms: *Hibiscus patersonii*, *H. patersonius*, *Laguna patersonia*

Small evergreen tree growing to 10–15 m. Thick, entire, oval leaves are olive green, 5–10 cm. Pink or mauve flowers appear in summer and early autumn, 3–7.5 cm diameter. Endemic to Australia, Norfolk Island, and Lord Howe Island. Hairs within the seed pods cause skin irritation.

Norfolk Island Sc#1136 issued 18 July 2017. Designed by Sharon Rodziewicz. Printed by EGO Print, in Keysborough, Victoria on gummed Tullis Red Phosphor paper by offset lithography.



Galanthus woronowii AMARYLLIDACEAE, Green Snowdrop

Bulbous, herbaceous plant with wide, green, shiny leaves. Flowers hanging from stalk, 4–19 cm, are white with green marks on lower third of petals and appear in spring. Native to northeast Turkey and the west and central Caucasus at 70–1400 m in stony and rocky spots, on river banks and at forest margins.

Russia Sc#7814a. Flora of Russia and 125th Anniversary of the Sochi Arboretum, issued 29 March 2017. Artist-Designer: A. Povarihin. Printed by Offset + Security Complex on coated paper. Print run 100,000.



Erythronium caucasicum LILIACEAE

Tuber-like bulb 2–4 cm long. Leaves (usually two) glaucous, spotted, ovate-elongate, 4–6 cm × 2–3 cm. Flowers solitary, white or creamy. Flowers during March–April in wild. Found in Western Caucasus and northern Iran, in forests of lower mountain zone, forest margins, and tall grass communities.

Russia Sc#7814b. Flora of Russia and 125th Anniversary of the Sochi Arboretum, issued 29 March 2017.



Cyclamen coum ssp. caucasicum PRIMULACEAE, Eastern Sowbread

Synonyms: 18 synonyms

Deciduous perennial, 5–8 cm, with heart-shaped leaves longer than broad and not lobed, but often slightly toothed or scalloped, and normally marbled above. Flowers pale to deep pink with eyes rarely white, appear December to March. Found from the eastern Black Sea coast to Northern Iran, sea level to 2000 m.

Russia Sc#7814d. Flora of Russia and 125th Anniversary of the Sochi Arboretum, issued 29 March 2017.

PEACE ROSE

On 21 April 2018, the US Postal Service issued a double-sided PSA booklet of 20 stamps depicting a Peace Rose (*Rosa × hybrida*), a hybrid tea rose. The stamp pays the Forever (50c) one-ounce first class rate.

The stamp was dedicated at the Gardens of the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. April 21 also was the closing date of one of the oldest festivals in the South, Holiday in Dixie, which was held April 13–21 in Shreveport. The stamp release also served as the kick-off to the annual Spring Bloom Festival and preceded National Peace Rose Day on April 29.

Peace Rose celebrates one of the most popular roses of all time. The peace rose revolutionized hybrid tea roses with its unique coloring, hardiness, and disease resistance. The stamp art features a detail of a photograph of the rose's blossom taken by Richard C. Baer, its creamy yellow petals touched by pink at the edges. The art director was Ethel Kessler.

