

NEW PLANTS IN THE PHILATELIC HERBARIUM

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This is the third edition of this column. Let us see what we can do to have more entries with smaller file sizes.



Spiraea cantoniensis. ROSACEAE, Reeves' Spirea

Synonyms: *S. cantoniensis* var. *cantoniensis*, *S. lanceolata*, *S. neumannii*, *S. reevesiana*

Reeves' Spirea is a bush 1.2–1.8 m tall with cascading white flowering branches. Flowers about 1 cm diameter in clusters 5 cm appear in spring. Native to China and Japan. Cultivated for centuries.

Japan Sc#3982c. Hospitality Flowers Series 5 (*Omotenashi*) issued 1 April 2016. Designed by Nakamaru Hitomi. The title "*Omotenashi*" represents the spirit of service and hospitality for the guests.



Zingiber mioga. ZINGIBERACEAE, Japanese Ginger, Myoga Ginger

Synonyms: *Amomum mioga*; *Z. echuanense*; *Z. mijooka*; *Z. sjooka*

Deciduous, herbaceous perennial found in Japan, China, and Korea. It grows naturally in the understory of forests. Grown commercially for spring shoots and young flower buds produced in autumn. Flower buds are used in soups, tempura, pickled, and as a spice.

Japan Sc#3993b. Vegetable and Fruits Series 6 issued 20 May 2016. Stamps were designed by Taamaki Akira and illustrated by Hatano Hikaru. Printed in offset in six colors.

Abies homolepis. PINACEAE, Nikko Fir

Tree 25–40 m, needles 3 cm, purplish cones 6–12 cm. Native to mountainous regions of Japan at altitudes 700–2000 m. Not important for timber. Grown as ornamental in Japan and Europe.

Japan Sc#3997b. Afforestation issue, 3 June 2016. Designed by Tamaki Akira. Printed in offset in six colors. Series shows trees that were planted at the ceremony, and trees and flowers of Nagano Prefecture.



Sorbus commixta. ROSACEAE, Japanese Rowan

Deciduous Tree growing to 10 m by 6 m. Native to Japan, Sakhalin, and Korean island of Ulleung-do. Good for firewood. Grown as ornamental. Bright orange to red pome fruit.

Japan Sc#3997f. Afforestation issue, 3 June 2016.



Viola brevistipulata. VIOLACEAE, Daisen Yellow Violet

Perennial growing to 30 cm in tufted clumps, erect stems 15–30 cm, broadly ovate leaves 5–8 cm. Grows in moist shady places in high mountains in Japan.

Japan Sc#4023h. Issued for Mountain Day, 10 August 2016, as a new national holiday. Designed by Maruyama Satoru. Printed in offset in six colors in sheets of ten stamps. Mountain Day is intended "to give opportunities to get close to mountains and to appreciate the benefits of mountains." The stamps depict the best known mountains in Japan as well as plants and animals that live in the mountains.





***Akebia quinata*. LARDIZABALACEAE, Akebia, Chocolate Vine**

Synonyms: *A. micrantha*, *Rajania quinata*

Deciduous, twining, woody vine up to 10 m native to Japan, China, and Korea, but naturalized in other countries and considered a noxious weed in some. Compound leaves with five leaflets. Chocolate-smelling flowers. Fruits 10 cm long, are pod-shaped with edible pulp. Vines are used for making baskets.

Japan Sc4038d. Issued 3 October 2016 for autumn greetings. Designed by Hoshiyama Ayaka. Printed in offset in five colors in sheets of ten stamps.



***Malus sieversii*. ROSCAEAE**

Synonyms: *Pyrus sieversii*

Deciduous tree 5–12 m from mountains of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan at 1,100 to 1,600 m. Fruit to 7 cm diameter. Based on molecular and phenotypic evidence, *M. sieversii* is likely a progenitor species of the domesticated apple, *Malus* × *domestica*. One of four endangered apple species in the region.

Kazakhstan Sc#804b. Red Book of Kazakhstan flora of 27 December 2016, issued in SS/3. Designed by K. Pluzhnikova. Print run of 7,500.



***Iris orchoides*. IRIDACEAE, Orchid Iris**

Synonyms: *Juno orchoides*

Bulbous perennial 15–30 cm from mountains of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Up to three yellow flowers per stem from March to May. Grown in cultivation.

Kyrgyz Express Post Sc#27. Issued 29 July 2016 as Flora of Kyrgyzstan with five designs in MS/6, a SS/4, and a SS/1. Designer: Aliona Cojocari. Illustrator: Oleg Cojocari. Printed by offset lithography by Nova Imprim in Chişinău, Moldova.



***Leontopodium ochroleucum*. ASTERACEAE, Himalayan Edelweiss**

Synonyms: Seven synonyms

Herbaceous perennial 8–25 cm tall. White-to-cream colored flowers in June and July. Found in mountain tundra 2,200–5,000 m in India, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Russia.

Kyrgyz Express Post Sc#28. Issued 29 July 2016 as Flora of Kyrgyzstan.



***Campanula macrorhiza*. CAMPANULACEAE, Thick-rooted Campanula**

Synonyms: 27 synonyms

Perennial plant 10–30 cm tall. Grows on rocks in the southeast of France, Spain, Italy, and Algeria. It can be found in Monaco on the rocky walls of the Rampe Major.

Monaco Sc#2883. Issued for “National Species” on 2 May 2017. Designed by Noëlle Le Guillouzic. Printed by offset. Quantity of issue: 120,000 stamps.



***Rhododendron ciliatum*. ERICACEAE**

Shrub 0.3–2 m tall found in Eastern Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan, and southern Tibet. From 2,700–3,500 m growing in various habitats including coniferous forests, rhododendron thickets, and open rocky slopes. Flowers white tinged with pink. Grown in cultivation and hybridizes easily.

Nepal Sc#1038. Rhododendron flora issued in a set of four in 2016.



***Cyphophoenix nucele*. ARECACEAE**

Tree 10–12 m. Crown has eight leaves, white crownshaft 50–60 cm. One or two inflorescences 50–90 cm. Fruit orange-red when ripe. Entire population (100) is reduced to a small area on the northeast coast of Lifou in the Loyalty Islands of New Caledonia.

New Caledonia Sc#1206. Endemic conifers and palm trees issued 14 March 2016. Designer: Jean-Paul Véret-Lemarinier. Printed in MS/10.



***Clinosperma macrocarpa*. ARECACEAE**

Tree to 15 m, crown with 6–7 pinnate leaves 2 m long. Olive green sheath 70 cm. Inflorescences 80 cm. Purplish black fruit. Endemic to Mt. Panié, in wet forest on a steep rocky slope at 500 m. One of rarest palms. Practically unknown in cultivation.

New Caledonia Sc#1206. Endemic conifers and palm trees issued 14 March 2016.



***Loxoscaphe gibberosum*. ASPLENIACEAE**

Taxonomy of this species is not firm. *The Checklist of Ferns and Lycophytes of the World* (<http://worldplants.webarchiv.kit.edu/ferns/>) lists *Loxoscaphe* as a synonym for *Asplenium gibberosum*. The Plant List (<http://www.theplantlist.org>) says the name is “Unresolved.” Found in Pacific region from Fiji to Pitcairn, but absent from Samoa. Moderately sized, graceful fern. Common, found in shaded areas, on rock faces and rocky woodland floors. However, there is little information documented about it.

Pitcairn Islands Sc#822. Ferns of Pitcairn issue of 19 October 2016. Designed by Sue Wickison, Wellington, New Zealand. Printed by Southern Colour Print, Dunedin, New Zealand by offset lithography on 103 gsm Tullis Russell Yellow/Green phosphor stamp paper in a format of four vertical stamps and one die cut SS/2.

***Ctenitis cumingii*. DRYOPTERIDACEAE**

Endemic to Pitcairn Island. Occurs in a highly restricted range. Population size is very small, with only 26 reproductive plants. Grows in native woodlands at moderate to high altitudes on Pitcairn.

Pitcairn Islands Sc#823. Ferns of Pitcairn issue of 19 October 2016



***Angiopteris chauliodonta*. MARATTIACEAE**

Terrestrial fern, fronds to 4 m. Endemic to Pitcairn. Six populations with a total of 774 plants. Native fern-rich forest is being taken over by invasive species.

Pitcairn Islands Sc#824. Ferns of Pitcairn issue of 19 October 2016.

***Cattleya (Hsinying Rouge 'CH #6' Rhyncholaeliocattleya)*. ORCHIDACEAE**

'Hsinying Rouge' is a hybrid between *Rlc* 'Creation' and *Rlc* 'Elegant Dancer' created in 2007. *Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc)* is the name of a grex used in the orchid horticulture industry.

Philippines Sc#3685. Released 30 September 2016 as part of the Philippine Orchids issue. Graphic artist: Victorino Z. Serevo. Design Coordinator: Jonathan Blaza (Photo Provider). Printed in Litho Offset, by the Amstar Company, Inc., in se-tenant Block/4, MS/16, and SS/4.

***Phalaenopsis Ching Hua Wizard* × *Hsinying Julia*. ORCHIDACEAE**

A hybrid orchid in the *Phalaenopsis* grex.

Philippines Sc#3685c. Issued 30 September 2016 with Philippine Orchids.

***Sanvitalia procumbens*. ASTERACEAE, Creeping Zinnia**

Annual to 15 cm tall. Creeping stems with leaves 5 cm. Yellow or orange flowers 2 cm. Blooms in summer. Native to Mexico and Guatemala. Grown as ornamental.

St. Kitts Sc#956c. Issued as Flowering Plants on 26 May 2016 in MS/4, MS/6, and SS/1.

***Dryopteris carthusiana*. DRYOPTERIDACEAE, Spinulose Wood Fern (USA), Narrow Buckler-fern (UK)**

Synonyms: *Aspidium spinulosum*, *Dryopteris spinulosa*, *Polypodium carthusianum*, *Polypodium spinulosum*

Deciduous fern with pinnate leaves 15–80 cm. Found in Europe, rarely in Turkey, northern Iran, the Caucasus, and Western Siberia and also in North America. Primarily found in forests with a dominance of black alder, grey alder, European white elm, and beech. Grown in cultivation

Slovakia Sc#749c. Issued 7 October 2016 for Nature

Protection showing National Nature Reserve Šúr near Svätý Jur. MS with three designs, printed by Postal Stationery Printing House, Prague

