



North Green Snowdrops

2024 CATALOGUE





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Ronald Mackenzie
1944 - 2023

Sadly we have to report the death of another close snowdrop friend: Ronald Mackenzie. For many years Ronald ran 'The Snowdrop Company' distributing and naming a large number of very fine snowdrops. His delightful and generous annual snowdrop lunches and the following accompanied walks around his garden, so full of beautifully grown snowdrops, were always an inspirational joy. Dear Ronald will be greatly missed.

THIS, OUR FAREWELL CATALOGUE is valid until 1st April 2024 and cancels all previous lists. **To all our friends and customers within the European Union, we very much regret that due to the new regulations we are no longer able to send snowdrops to countries within the EU and can only accept orders from customers with an address within the United Kingdom.**

We sell best quality snowdrop bulbs 'in the green' dispatched after flowering in March/April or sometimes earlier. Plants supplied are believed to be correctly named. As there are never enough snowdrops to meet the demand, especially of the recently named cultivars, please place your order as soon as possible after receipt of your catalogue.

Method of payment

Our preferred method of payment is by Direct Bank Transfer. When your order is ready for dispatch we will email your invoice and our bank details, enabling you to make payment securely via on-line banking. For customers without access to on-line banking, we are happy to accept payment by cheque.

Due to increased handling charges, we have decided not to take payment by credit/debit card.

Please add £6.50 to all orders towards the cost of First Class postage and packing. To assist the safe delivery of your orders would customers please include a telephone number, and an email address, if you have one, on your order form. You will be sent a detailed account and receipt.

If you have any queries regarding your order, we can be contacted by email at northgreensnowdrops@gmail.com

Some Snowdrops – A Photographic Ramble

This beautifully produced book by Anne C. Repnow with over 280 photographs of 90 cultivars, encompasses some garden classics as well as rarities, with notes on characteristics etc. An absolute delight for the snowdrop collector. Published by Davidia Press ISBN 9 783982 24460.

The Plant Lovers Guide to Snowdrops

We highly recommend this delightful and informative book by Naomi Slade. Published by The Timber Press in association with Kew Royal Botanic Gardens. ISBN 978-1-61469-435-2.

Daffodil, Snowdrop and Tulip Yearbook 2023

Published in association with the Royal Horticultural Society, this authoritative, illustrated annual includes a very significant coverage of snowdrops. Available as a special offer to snowdrop enthusiasts for £15.50, including postage, from Mr John Gibson, Dept. NG, 14 Waverley Road, Kettering, NN15 6NT: cheques made payable to the Royal Horticultural Society. For EU and overseas customers or to pay via PayPal please email: gibbo.john@ntlworld.com. We highly recommend this publication.

North Green Snowdrops. Surplus copies of our archive snowdrop catalogues are now available on ebay.co.uk. From seller: sudaby2

Snowdrops like to grow in well-drained friable soil in sun or light shade. When planting, a good dusting of bone meal and a handful of extra coarse sharp sand around each bulb will help to keep away disease.

If snowdrops are left undisturbed for too long they could begin to “go back” which means fewer bulbs will flower and they could be more prone to disease. In some cases, the whole clump may die out. They should therefore be lifted about every three years. More frequent lifting is recommended where there is no sign of increase. Clumps should be carefully teased apart and replanted. A surface dressing of bone meal should be given in early autumn and a thin mulch of garden or mushroom compost applied in December will help improve the look of the flowers.

One of the great pleasures in gardening is viewing snowdrops on a warm day in winter; the sun at this time of year is very low in the sky and can be blindingly bright. Remember therefore to plant your snowdrops so that you can look at them with the sun behind you.

We are most grateful to Martin Allen, Jim Almond, Karen and Richard Austin, Richard Bashford, Ruben Billiet, Matt Bishop, Richard Bloom, Wim Boens, Val Bourne, Andy Byfield, Ian Christie, Phil Cornish, Hagen Engelmann, Jon Evans, Eric Fisher, Andrew and Debbie Hall, Doug Joyce, David King, Janet Lacore, Cyril Lafong, Rod and Jane Leeds, Marianne Majerus, The National Collection of Margaret and David MacLennan (Scientific Reference Collection), Aaron Mckernan, Neil Parker, Anne Repnow, Joe Sharman, Bennet Smith, Wol and Sue Staines, Paddy Tobin, Gert-Jan van der Kolk, Jörg Lebsa, Carolyn Walker (Carolyn’s Shade Gardens) and Anne Wright (Dryad Nursery) for all their help and for generously allowing us to use their lovely photographs. A very big thank you to Steve Edwards who has designed the beautiful catalogue, Matt Bishop and Brian Ellis for proof reading and much good advice, Debbie Monique Jolliff who over the last two seasons has built up a photographic archive of all the snowdrops at North Green and Rosie Steele for all her wonderful and invaluable help with our catalogue over many years.



This year we are celebrating our fortieth anniversary. North Green Snowdrops was started at the instigation of the late Priscilla, Lady Bacon, basically as a means of keeping the collection to a manageable proportion within the confines of the garden and also, since it is difficult for me to paint in the dim light of winter.

Over the years we have accumulated a large and very loyal following of like-minded enthusiasts many of whom have now become good friends. When permitted the catalogues have been sent around the world and to our amazement have even become collectors items.

As a result of growing so many different snowdrops “in the garden here at North Green” many new and exciting varieties have arisen fifty-two of which we have subsequently named (see complete list at the back of the catalogue).

We thank you all for your custom over the years and hope that you will find yet more snowdrops within this, our Fortieth Anniversary Catalogue.

And now finally, thanks must go to Diana for all her amazing, unstinting and enduring help and support throughout the last forty years.

Farewell and thank you all.



*“For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing
of birds is come.”*

Song of Solomon.



1. SERIES *GALANTHUS*:

Leaves greyish (semi-glaucous or glaucescent), flat against each other with their margins either flat (applanate), or folded or rolled back (explicative or revolute). These species are mainly confined to Europe.

G. nivalis: the common snowdrop naturalised in many parts of Britain and native to much of Europe. The leaves are flat against each other (applanate) at the base and the edges are flat or almost so. We offer the following cultivars:

‘Odd Scharlock’: recognised by the late Margaret Owen as distinct from the *G. nivalis* ‘Scharlockii’ in her Shropshire garden and subsequently named by her. This snowdrop is extraordinary in that its very long pedicel is held at a distinct right angle and it has an equally long spathe. Both segment markings are of a good solid green. A most curious sight when growing in a clump with all the horizontally attached flowers seemingly emerging at the wrong angle.....£15.00



‘Odd Scharlock’

‘Papageno’: we are most grateful to Gert Jan van der Kolk for this snowdrop. Another enchanting little treasure from the woodland in which the legendary *G. nivalis* ‘Green Tear’ was found and from which it is not dissimilar though barely half the size! The charming small scale of this diminutive snowdrop is unfortunately not apparent in the photograph. Naturally a small bulb and somewhat slow to increase, but a very desirable, enchantingly named little snowdrop and a joy to behold.....£60.00



‘Papageno’

'Flocon de Neige': one of the most beguiling of the double-flowered snowdrops. Perfectly symmetrical flowers with six equally spaced, all-white outer segments. Quite enchanting and most memorable, especially when fully opened. Much loved at North Green. (*Snowdrops*, (2001) p.114)..... **£35.00**



G. plicatus: a vigorous and variable species. The leaves have a prominent central channel and their edges are strongly folded or turned under (plicate). The markings on the inner segments are extremely variable. We offer the following cultivars:

‘**Bumblebee**’: an exceptional *G. plicatus* ‘Trym’ seedling originally from Monksilver. A stockier flower than *G. plicatus* ‘Trym’ but beautifully neat with a large, clean, deep-green crescent mark on the outer segment: an almost perfect circle with a smaller circular notch removed at the apex. The segments are noticeably overlapping and only partly reveal the green inner segment markings reaching towards the base. A flower of great substance.....£60.00



‘Bumblebee’



‘Green Trym’

..... ‘Green Trym’: a green leaved selection by the late Margaret Owen from her garden The Patch. Though slow to increase and only offered here; it is worth the long wait and an interesting contrast to *G. plicatus* ‘Blue Trym’ also from The Patch.£70.00

‘The Lady with the Lamp’: a well publicised *Galanthus plicatus* found by Ian Christie with good, broad green leaves, and puckered lantern shaped flowers: considered superior perhaps to Ian’s previous finds from Brechin Castle including the much admired *G. plicatus* ‘Castle Green Dragon’. This chunky snowdrop, holding it’s flowers well on strong stems, made a spectacular entry when it was generously sold for charity and named after Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Lamp.£80.00



‘The Lady with the Lamp’



‘Walker, Canada’

‘Walker, Canada’: there is a touch of mystery about this rather special snowdrop from the garden of the late Richard Nutt. The well-proportioned flower has an X-shaped mark on the inner segment curiously broader towards the long, narrow conical ovary. The flower is borne above plicate leaves on a short scape which slowly lengthens as the season progresses, resulting in a large, distinct and eye-catching snowdrop. This is, in our opinion, the best snowdrop inherited from the late Richard Nutt’s garden at Great Barfield and has been very much admired by all his friends. A nearby faded and barely legible label with the name “Walker, Canada” is all that is known about this lovely snowdrop.

£25.00

G. plicatus subsp. *byzantinus* ‘Joe Sharman’: the only fully virescent form of the subspecies. The outer segments are beautifully and distinctly striped in a handsome green and the inner segments are of a strong, solid green throughout. Early flowering, vigorous and in our experience not a difficult snowdrop to grow.

£75.00



‘Joe Sharman’

2. SERIES *LATIFOLII*:

Leaves emerging either flat against each other (applanate), or with the outer leaf rolled or wrapped round the inner leaf (supervolute or convolute). Where flat (applanate) leaves either grey (glaucous) or green, rarely in-between. The species in this series are found mainly in Turkey and the Caucasus and are divided into two subseries.

2A. SUBSERIES *GLAUCAEFOLII*:

Leaves grey.

G. gracilis: a charming species which is widely grown and a parent of many attractive hybrids. The flat greyish leaves are quite narrow, often twisted and unhooded. The inner segments have separate markings at the tip and base. We offer the following cultivars:



'Lemongrass'

'Lemongrass': a wonderful and humorously named selection of *G. gracilis* by Andy Byfield from Flete Walled Gardens. A large snowdrop with pale lemon ovary, distinctly shouldered flowers and classic *gracilis* markings in an informed olive- yellow colour. Like many *G. gracilis* the leaves are gently twisting.

£140.00



'Ronald Mackenzie'

'Ronald Mackenzie': found growing in ivy under trees in Gloucestershire by Ronald Mackenzie. A truly outstanding snowdrop, a more or less yellow version of *G. gracilis* 'Daglingworth' with the same distinct inner segment markings, though perhaps somewhat smaller in stature. £70.00

G. elwesii: an extremely variable species with grey leaves, hooded at the tips and rolled or wrapped around each other at the base (supervolute or convolute). This species now encompasses plants grown for many years in gardens as *G. caucasicus* (sic.). We offer the following cultivars:

‘Bumble Green’: an apt name for this delightful, well-shaped snowdrop from Sue and Wol Staines. A very lovely early – flowering snowdrop, in bloom well before Christmas and with an additional bonus of handsome, variable green tips on the outer segments. Highly covetable.....£30.00



‘Bumble Green’



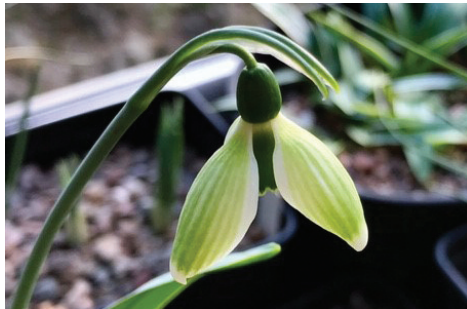
‘Chantry Green Twins’: A most exciting find by Sue and Wol Staines of Glen Chantry. This desirable snowdrop reminds us of a well grown *G. elwesii* ‘Green Comet’ reliably producing a darker green tipped marking on the outer segments and a beautiful heart-shaped mark on the inner segments. Unlike *G. elwesii* ‘Green Comet’ this lovely snowdrop produces perfectly formed twin flowers from each scape when mature and well grown.£40.00

‘Claude Biddulph’: a fabulous and highly regarded, fully virescent *Galanthus elwesii* from Simon Biddulph at Rodmarton Manor. The soft green shading on the outer segments falls short of the apex leaving distinct white tips, the inner segments are a solid dark green: a fine contrast. Only slightly smaller in scale than *G. elwesii* ‘Margaret Biddulph’, a truly perennial collectors item.£60.00

'Don Armstrong': originally from British Columbia, this beautiful, large flowered poculiform snowdrop is made up of six equal, pure white segments. A very fine and much sought after snowdrop somewhat slow to increase.£40.00



'Don Armstrong'



'Claude Biddulph'

'Fly Fishing': an early-flowering snowdrop originally selected by the late Alan Street of Avon Bulbs. As described by Alan it has one of the longest pedicels of any snowdrop, giving it an extraordinary elegance that eclipses even that of *G.* 'Magnet' and *G.* 'Galatea'. In some years the outer segments have green tips.£20.00



'Fly Fishing'



'Godfrey Owen'

'Godfrey Owen' AGM 2017: this outstanding snowdrop has been described as one of the most distinct snowdrop discoveries of recent times. It is remarkable in that it has a double row of outer and inner segments. When fully opened the symmetrical arrangement of the six outer segments is exquisite. Found by the late Margaret Owen in the mid 1990s and named after her late husband.

(*Snowdrops*, (2001) p.205)..... £15.00

Hiemalis Group 'Hoggets Narrow': considered here to be by far the finest and most desirable of all the autumn-flowering snowdrops in the Hiemalis Group. The inner segments have a good green, rounded, inverted V-shaped marking and measure just a third of the length of the very striking, exceptionally long and narrow outer segments. When the flower is mature, the anthers shine through giving a delightful soft-orange glowing bar between the inverted mark and the long narrowly-conical pointed ovary; a show-stopper even at the height of the season! Hoggets was the name of the garden of the late Terry Jones at Zeal Monachorum, Devon (home of *G.* 'Hoggets Round', *G.* 'Terry Jones' and *Nerine* 'Zeal Giant'). £40.00

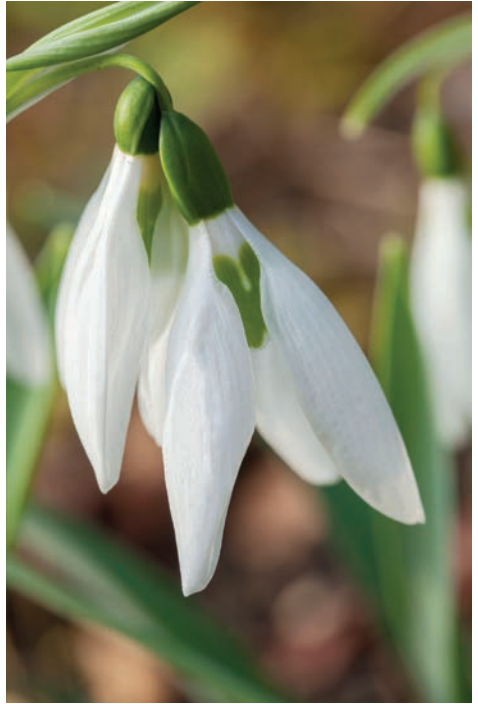


'Hoggets Narrow'

'Jubilee Green': found in the garden here at North Green, this snowdrop is distinct in having leaves of a striking lettuce-green colour. The flower has a well defined X-shaped marking. *G. elwesii* 'Jubilee Green' was named to commemorate twenty five years of North Green Snowdrops. A lovely snowdrop. £20.00



'Jubilee Green'



'Kite'

'Kite' (syn. 'Maidwell A'): a fine snowdrop selected by the late Oliver Wyatt at Maidwell Hall with particularly grey, broad leaves. Typically consists of two identical flowers joined together at the base of their ovaries. May take some time to settle and show its true character after planting.

..... £15.00

‘Margaret Biddulph’: a most stunning virescent snowdrop selected by Simon Biddulph from Rodmarton Manor. The long, elegantly green-washed outer segments and the somewhat darker green inner segments make for a highly desirable snowdrop. Prefers drier growing conditions.

.....£55.00



‘Margaret Biddulph’



'Margaret Owen'

'Margaret Owen': Margaret herself with her usual eagle-eye and ever exacting criteria for an outstanding plant, homed-in on a stand of this fine snowdrop during a visit to Ray Cobb's Nottinghamshire garden. It was considered to be a seedling from the nearby clump of *G. elwesii* 'Brian Mathew' which has a similar inner segment marking with little or no sinus notch and a large very pronounced V-shaped green mark. The most wonderful defining attribute of this mid to late-flowering snowdrop however, is that it looks magnificent in a clump and it was much admired and coveted by all who attended the farewell party for Margaret at The Patch, when it was in full bloom.

..... £15.00

'Mrs Macnamara' (syn. 'Milkwood') AGM 2017: this excellent, early-flowering snowdrop originally came from the mother-in-law of Dylan Thomas: Mrs Macnamara (please note correct spelling). A tall, stately plant flowering in December when there are few other large snowdrops in bloom. This is the favourite of all our early-flowering cultivars at North Green. Outstanding. (*Snowdrops*, (2001) p.177) £15.00



'Mrs Macnamara'

‘Michael Holcroft’: a rare and rather beguiling snowdrop, very seldom available. Given to us by the late Margaret Owen, a dear friend, from her garden, The Patch, from where so many rare and beautiful snowdrops originated and were so generously distributed. This classic snowdrop is at its best grown in a group when the contrast between the olive-yellow of the ovary with the strong, dark-green of the inner segment marking can be most readily seen. Much admired and coveted by the discerning galanthophiles.....**£40.00**

Galanthus elwesii **‘North Green Wasp’**: found in the garden here at North Green several years ago, this is a snowdrop not unlike *G. ‘Wasp’* with a particularly long pedicel and elegant long outer segments giving the flower a very neat tubular look. It is in flower well before *G. ‘Wasp’*, and instead of a single inner segment mark however, has distinct basal and apical marks. The leaves are tinged blue contrasting well with the pale yellowish-green ovary and inner segment marks. A delightful and joyful snowdrop for early Spring.
**£40.00**



‘Michael Holcroft’



'North Green Wasp'



'York Minster'

'York Minster': we are most grateful to Jörg Lebsa for this now renowned snowdrop which was named by Matt Bishop in around 2005. One of the greenest and oldest named of the early-flowering, virescent *G. elwesii* snowdrops. The flowers of this lordly snowdrop are mostly marked in green, the inner segment being almost entirely green and the outer segment slightly less so. This stately snowdrop, somewhat small in stature until fully established and mature, will take its time to bring reward to the careful grower. A joyful purchase.£65.00

G. ikariae: from the island of Ikarios, now called Nikaria, off the west coast of Turkey. Large, glossy or dull, sometimes puckered, green leaves. Sizeable flowers with ovoid or conical ovary. Substantial, squared U-shaped marking on the inner segment extending half-way or slightly more to the base. We offer the following cultivar:

‘**Emerald Isle**’ (syn. ‘Megan Morris’, ‘Meg’): originated at Drew’s Court, Co. Limerick in the mid 1980s. The inner segment marking is almost entirely green except at the margins where, as there is a variable amount of green shading on the outer segments, the whole contrasts beautifully with the lovely green leaves. Here at North Green this snowdrop grows well under a conifer in the deep litter of a nearby bamboo. We have a few of this delightful but somewhat capricious snowdrop to spare.....£25.00



‘Emerald Isle’

Hybrids – single



‘Blue Moon’

‘**Blue Moon**’: a most lovely snowdrop with soft, blue-coloured leaves, which was very nearly lost but with endless patience, time and great care we have, for the first time, a few bulbs to spare. The most eye-catching feature about this stunning snowdrop is the extraordinary contrast between the very pale olive-green ovaries and the broad blue leaves. The very upright flower, with a green diadem-shaped apical marking on the outer segment, barely opens to show the inner segments.....£120.00

‘Castle Eye Shadow’ (*×valentinei*): a wonderful clump-forming snowdrop that originated at Brechin Castle. The pristine white flowers are of good substance and texture, upright and stand well above the greenish-blue leaves. On the inner segments, ‘green shadowed eyes’ above a somewhat pensive V-shaped apical mark, peer out from within the outer segments. These characteristics and the whole demeanour of this plant add up to a truly magnificent and highly desirable snowdrop.....£40.00



‘Castle Eye Shadow’



‘Chameleon’

‘Chameleon’: the flowers of this joyful new snowdrop are of good substance with the outer segments having unusual yellow-flushed tips. On the apex of the inner segment there is a lovely yellow heart-shaped mark, whilst a golden collar at the base delineates the ovary. We are most grateful to Richard Bashford for another treasure that originated in his garden.

.....£50.00

'Chris Peer' (*x valentinei*): a rather extraordinary *G. plicatus* 'Trym' seedling found by the late Margaret Owen in her garden. She herself regarded this snowdrop highly and named it after a gardener friend and helper at The Patch. It is of compact habit and small stature, the leaves are held at forty five degrees with a slight twist but the most intriguing and unusual feature of this snowdrop is that the outer segments are flattened with a concave oval in the centre containing the green mark. Margaret was most anxious that we should propagate and distribute this snowdrop.£70.00

'Dragonfly' (*x valentinei*): another very handsome, long pedicelled snowdrop from the garden of the late Veronica Cross; the home also of *G.* 'Wasp'. A diffuse green, somewhat waisted, inner segment marking and very long outer 'wings': perhaps contributing to its name! A truly, very desirable, heavyweight snowdrop.

..... £30.00



'Chris Peer'



'Dragonfly'

'Early to Rize': discovered in the garden here at North Green. From the characteristics of its leaves, it is possibly a hybrid of *G. elwesii* Hiemalis Group and *G. rizehensis*. This extremely fine snowdrop is conspicuous for its early-flowering which, with the change in seasons, now starts mid-November and continues into the New Year. (*Snowdrops*, (2001) p.244) £25.00



'Early to Rize'

‘Gold Dust’: a snowdrop with an imposingly long flower found in the garden here several years ago and much admired by visitors. There is a dusting of gold around the base of both inner and outer segments especially when the flower is in bud, and also a subtle gold hue to the inner segments towards the very strong golden egg-coloured bridge mark at the apex; the whole is suspended on a short golden pedicel. One of the finest of all the snowdrops to have originated from North Green. Honeyed fragrance!.....£120.00



‘Gold Dust’



‘Gold ‘n’ Green’

‘Gold ‘n’ Green’ (*x valentinei*): : a fine new hybrid created by the late Henry Taylor. A sturdy plant with well-shaped flowers, the inner segments having beautiful lime-green apical marks combining well with the reliably glowing, yellow ovary. A good garden plant, easily grown and often producing two scapes.£70.00



'Green Comet'

'Green Comet': a huge snowdrop and probably one of the very finest to have originated in the garden at North Green. It was found growing close to a clump of *G. elwesii* 'Comet' and *G. x allenii*; *G. elwesii* 'Jubilee Green' was not far away. This stately snowdrop with a large weighty flower resembling *G. elwesii* 'Comet' is held by a particularly long pedicel well above the strikingly tall, usually three, lettuce-green leaves. Unlike *G. elwesii* 'Comet' it does not have green markings on the outer segments.

..... £20.00

'Juliet Berkeley': originally from Warley Place, the garden of Miss Ellen Willmott; great aunt to the late Juliet Berkeley who did so much, over the years, to establish the substantial snowdrop collection at Spetchley Park. A fine snowdrop with a very distinctive mark. The whole of the inner segment is gently washed in a soft green, with a large, dark, rich-green mark superimposed upon it, somewhat heart-shaped at the apex and divided towards the base. A fitting snowdrop named in remembrance of a delightful and much missed friend. £60.00



'Juliet Berkeley'

'Rodmarton Arcturus': a distinct, large-flowered snowdrop with the curious habit that the outer, somewhat puckered, boat-shaped segments appear to be merely 'hooked on' to the ovary rather than the usual attachment. The inner segments have dark green apical marks with two basal eyes.

.....£30.00



'Rodmarton Arcturus'



'Rodmarton Regulus'

'Rodmarton Regulus': another fine snowdrop from Rodmarton Manor. The large weighty flower has long boat-shaped outer segments narrowly attached to the ovary, the whole of good substance. The dark green broad X-shaped marking, which lightens somewhat towards the ovary, covers at least two thirds of the inner segment and contrasts wonderfully with the very precise white ribbon-edge at the apex.

A very handsome large snowdrop.

.....£35.00



'Ruby Baker'

'Ruby Baker': first noticed and much admired by the late Ruby and David Baker in the garden at Primrose Hill, Lucan, Ireland and subsequently named by Robin Hall after Ruby. A substantial plant with broad upright foliage and large flowers with wide outer segments and inner segments marked at the base with two merging 'eyes' and a pair of tear-shaped marks at the apex. A really lovely plant and a most fitting tribute to someone who was so dedicated to the study of snowdrops; "The pillar of the Snowdrop World" (see dedication in North Green Snowdrops 2015 Catalogue).

..... £40.00

'Schorbuser Lampion': "can be distinguished without doubt by its large rounded flowers and orange-yellow markings which radiate out from the centre." Hagen Engelmann's own description of his unique, early flowering treasure. A superb, vigorous clone.

..... £110.00



'Schorbuser Lampion'

'Trumpolute' (*x hybridus*): the first significant hybrid between *G. plicatus* 'Trym' and *G. elwesii* to have convolute leaves and flowers reminding us of both *G. 'Trumps'* and *G. plicatus* 'Trym'. The distinctly flattish outer segments have a bold V-shaped mark towards the apex and a paler oval-shaped mark towards the base but this mark can vary until the plant is established. An historic breakthrough which occurred in the garden at North Green in 2001. An exceedingly desirable snowdrop: even after a decade of other outstanding discoveries.

..... £40.00



'Trumpolute'



'Trumps'

'Trumps' (*x hybridus*), AGM 2017: we are delighted to be able to offer bulbs of this beautiful early-flowering snowdrop which was spotted in the garden here at North Green by Matt Bishop in the late 1990s. There are charming heart-shaped markings on both the inner and outer segments. It is closely related to *G. 'Green of Hearts'* but flowering a little earlier. (*Snowdrops*, (2001) p.283)..... £15.00

Hybrids – double

‘Celia’s Double’ (*x valentinei*): an exciting new double snowdrop from the garden of Celia and Walter Sawyer that was found within a clump of *G. plicatus* ‘Diggory’ growing close to a patch of an unnamed *Greatorex* double. A beautifully rounded, neat, well-filled flower. The inner segment marks consist of a basal blotch and an apical heart-shape. We are most grateful to Richard Bashford for this very good snowdrop.....£25.00



‘Celia’s Double’

RARE SNOWDROPS FOR SALE BY TENDER



RESERVE PRICES SHOWN



'Golden Egg'

G. nivalis

Sandersii Group 'Golden Egg': a dramatic new snowdrop selected by Cyril Lafong with delightful eye-catching scapes that emerge straight from the ground a strong yellow, the leaves are also yellow tipped. A small area around the scape is washed with light green and the spathe is a yellowish-green; but the pedicel and ovary are an equally uniform strong golden-yellow. Described by Cyril as "a very graceful snowdrop but needs time to fully mature to give of its best".Reserve £90.00

G. plicatus

'Green Elegance': a chance seedling from Ian Christie's *G. plicatus* 'Castle Green Dragon' that was pounced upon by visiting galanthophiles who considered it a more elegant plant, hence the name. The flowers are of an excellent constitution and wonderfully green.Reserve £120.00

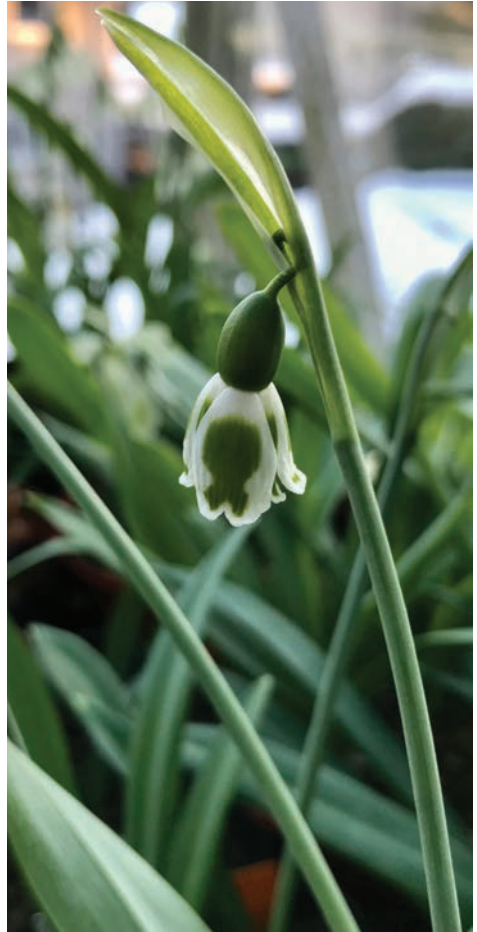


'Green Elegance'

G. elwesii

‘The Groom’: at long last and after twenty years we are able to offer this extraordinary and highly desirable snowdrop. It was first introduced by Rod Begbie who had received the original bulb in the spring of 2003. As an immature bulb *G. elwesii* ‘The Groom’ exhibits a variety of subtle changes, including double marks on the segments, and the occasional double pedicel of flowers with a joined mark on a scape. When well grown and fully mature, patience and care is rewarded and the single bulb settles down: a single marked perfect inverse poculiform snowdrop. A very scarce rarity and much in demand. (There is a history of *G. elwesii* ‘The Groom’ on the Scottish Rock Garden Club website, March 26th 2014).

..... Reserve £250.00



‘The Groom’

'Titanic': we are delighted to offer this legendary snowdrop originally discovered by the late Alan Street. The tips of the outer segments are incredibly pinched-in by very distinct and contrasting strong green markings, as if forming a stubby tail. The inner segments are solidly marked in green. One of the rarest of all snowdrops!

.....Reserve £350.00



'Titanic'



'Fire and Ice'

'Fire and Ice': originally found by Cyril Lafong growing amongst other *G.elwesii* snowdrops. A distinct snowdrop without inner segments thus enabling the flame-coloured anthers to be clearly seen between the particularly white outer segments. Please show patience while your treasured bulb builds up to maturity for it to show its true qualities. An extraordinary snowdrop.

.....Reserve £150.00

We have a few of the rare snowdrops on pages 34 to 36 for sale. In order to give all our customers an opportunity to acquire these bulbs we are once again, selling them by tender. Customers are invited to submit a bid for a single bulb of one or more of the five varieties on the yellow bidding form enclosed. **The reserve price is the lowest price at which we will sell any of the above snowdrops.** Please note, in most cases there are only five, or even less, bulbs of a particular variety for sale.

Bids for the tender maybe submitted by email to northgreensnowdrops@gmail.com or by post (using the enclosed form) and marking the envelope with the name(s) of the bulb(s). No bids will be accepted after 12 noon Monday 4th March 2024.

Customers wishing to participate please note that bids, which must be made in whole pounds sterling, can only be accepted if payment is made via bank transfer and no other form of payment. Any snowdrops acquired from this section will be separately dispatched and the whole transaction treated separately from any other order you may have placed.

As we cannot combine these snowdrops with your main order, please add £6.50 to all orders towards the cost of First Class postage and packing.

Complete information on all the species and many of the cultivars listed in this catalogue can be found in the book *Snowdrops*, Bishop, M., Davis, A. and Grimshaw, J. (2001). The Griffin Press. Maidenhead. Regrettably, we have been informed that this invaluable book is out of print and unlikely to be reprinted.

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SNOWDROPS NAMED BY NORTH GREEN SNOWDROPS



<i>G. nivalis</i>	<i>G. elwesii</i>	Hybrids
‘Bohemia Gold’	‘Chorus Line’	‘Benton Magnet’
‘Chatterbox’	‘Comet’	‘Bloomer’
‘Dumpy Green’	‘Jubilee Green’	‘Early to Rize’
‘Fanfare’ (lost)	‘Chelsworth Magnet’	‘Green Beauty’
‘Golden Glow’	‘Margaret’s Star’	‘Green Comet’
‘Golden Swordfish’	*‘Mrs Macnamara’	‘Green of Hearts’
‘Goldheart’	(‘Milkwood’)	‘John Morley’
‘Gold Dust’	*‘Remember, Remember’	‘Juliet Berkeley’
‘Green Whisp’	(‘November Merlin’)	‘Kokoshnik Diadem’
‘La Bohème’	‘Sibbertoft Magnet’	‘Little Dorrit’
‘Prague Spring’		‘Long Wasp’
‘Stork’	<i>G. reginae-olgae</i>	‘Mother Goose’
‘Tall Prague Spring’	subsp. <i>vernalis</i>	‘North Green Wasp’
‘Tramlines’	‘Blue John’	‘Trotter’s Merlin’
‘White Stag’ (lost)	‘Blue Peter’	‘Trumpolute’
		‘Trumps’
<i>G. plicatus</i>	<i>G. gracilis</i>	
‘Amy Doncaster’	‘Ayes and Noes’	
‘Blue Moon’	‘Corkscrew’	
‘Eric Fisher’	‘Denton’	
‘Frail Beauty’		
‘Old January’		
‘Three Ships’		
‘Vera Trum’		
‘Winter Green’		

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