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# Bulb Log Diary

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BULB LOG 52.....25<sup>th</sup> December 2019



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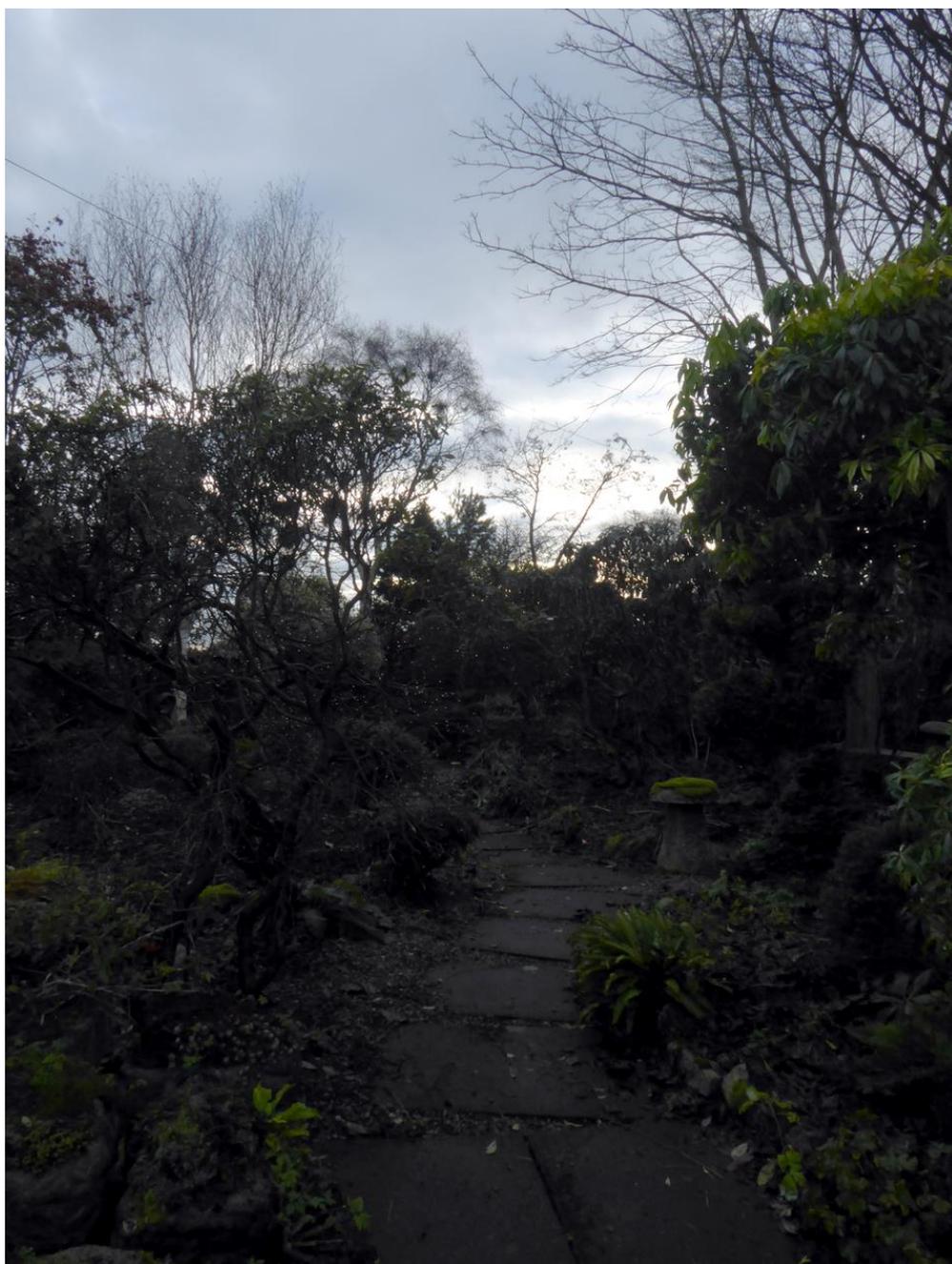
## Bulb Log 5219

The last Bulb Log of the year seems like a good time to reflect back on the growth in the garden and overall it has been a good year for the plants with our weather reverting to the more typical moderate conditions rather than the very unusual hot dry conditions we experienced in the summer of 2018.

Gardening involves looking forward, planning ahead, learning from the past and correcting any errors we make and never being afraid to undo our mistakes. If you think a plant is in the wrong place move it, if a plant is struggling deduce through observation why that may be - can you manipulate the habitat to improve the situation? I have made many mistakes through the years but as long as I have learned from them then I do not consider it to be an abject failure - it is the case that you can learn more from making mistakes than you can from the successes.

It is often the case that my favourite areas in the garden are those that I have been most recently working on, like the new bed beside the pond which I created a few years ago and have been planting up with some of my favourite genera - it featured as special edition in Bulb Log 4119 – also the area at the southern end of the garden where I cut back the shrubs opening up the ground which has given me a great opportunity for more planting. I also enjoy the more established areas where the plants are allowed to self-sow in a naturalistic way and I am fascinated by the unlikely spots some of the plants choose to grow – for instance I would not have thought to plant Erythroniums between the rocks of a vertical wall.

Working with nature will make us better gardeners, learning to grow the plants that are most suited to our climate and enjoying the plants that require a different climate in other people's gardens.



I took this picture at mid-day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the winter solstice, now the sun will slowly climb in the sky bathing the garden with energy and stimulating the plants into growth.

The Bulb Log started as a one year project now with seventeen (17) years and eight hundred and eighty four (884) logs behind me I am committed to continue through next year.

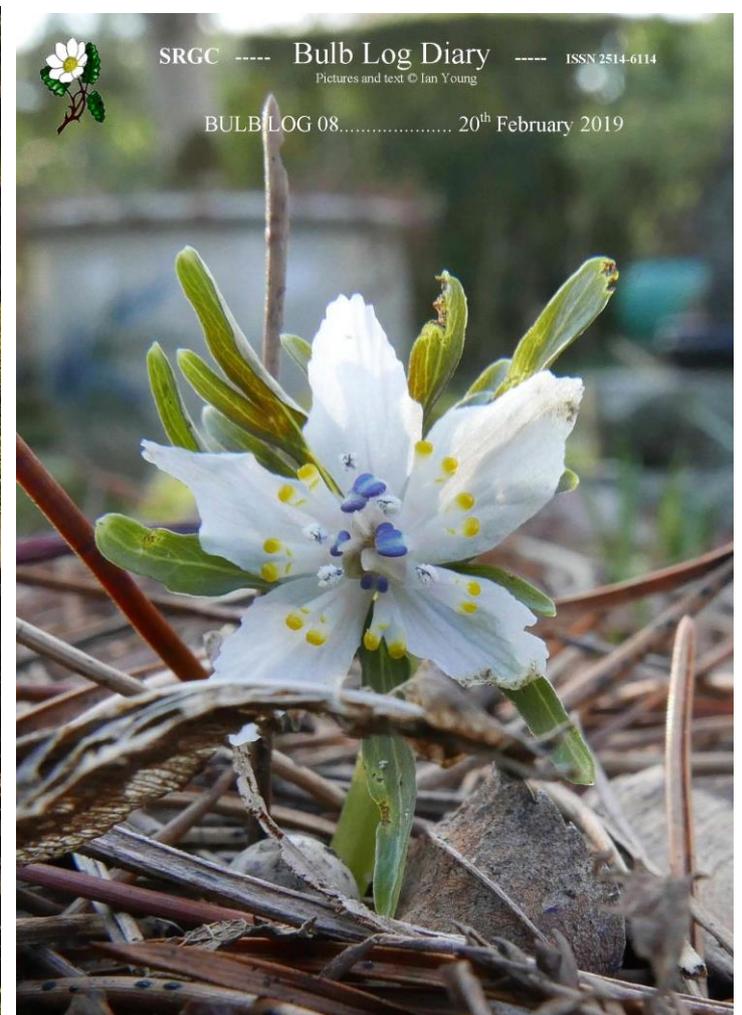
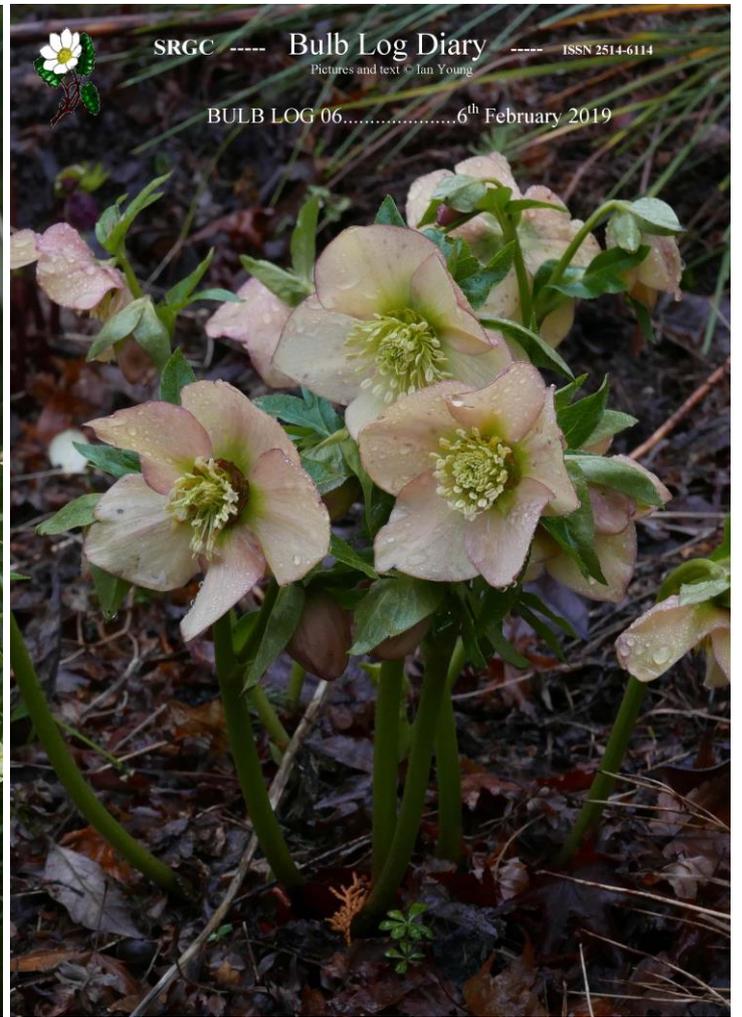
All the Bulb Logs can be accessed from the [index page](#) , you need to click the link at the top of the index page to access the earlier [logs from 2003 to 2008](#).

In 2015 I started the Bulb Log Video Diary Supplements and to date there are one hundred and nine(109) videos on my [YouTube channel](#).

Once more I have adopted the format of making the last Bulb Log of the Year a pictorial index with all the cover images brought together, to read a log just click on the relevant picture.

Thank you to all my loyal readers for your support .....



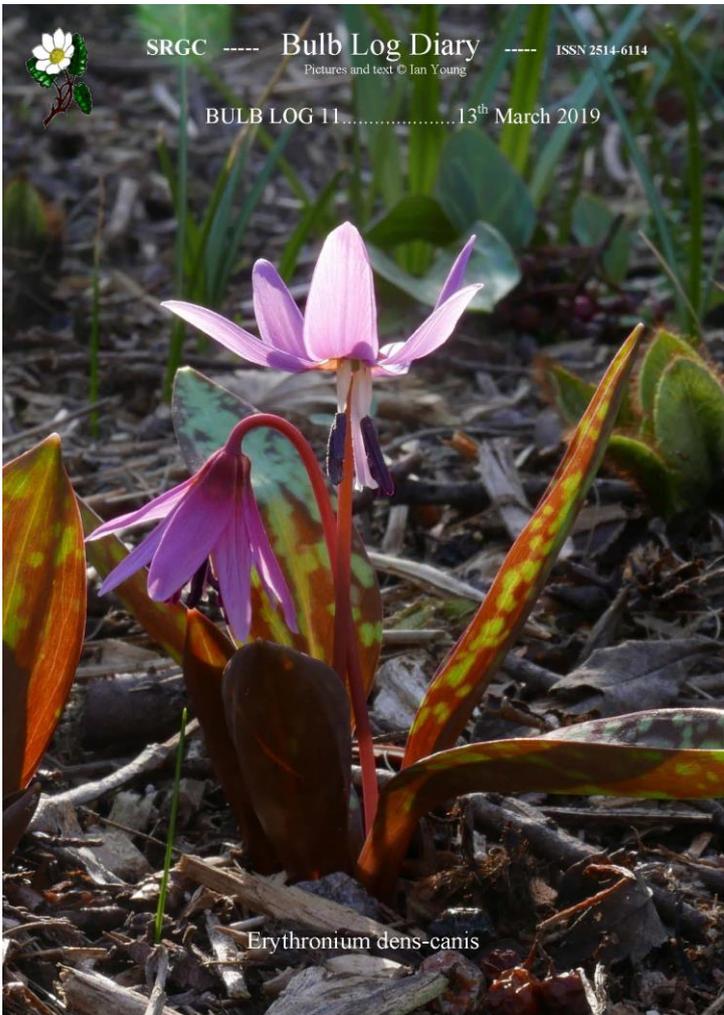




*Erythronium caucasicum*



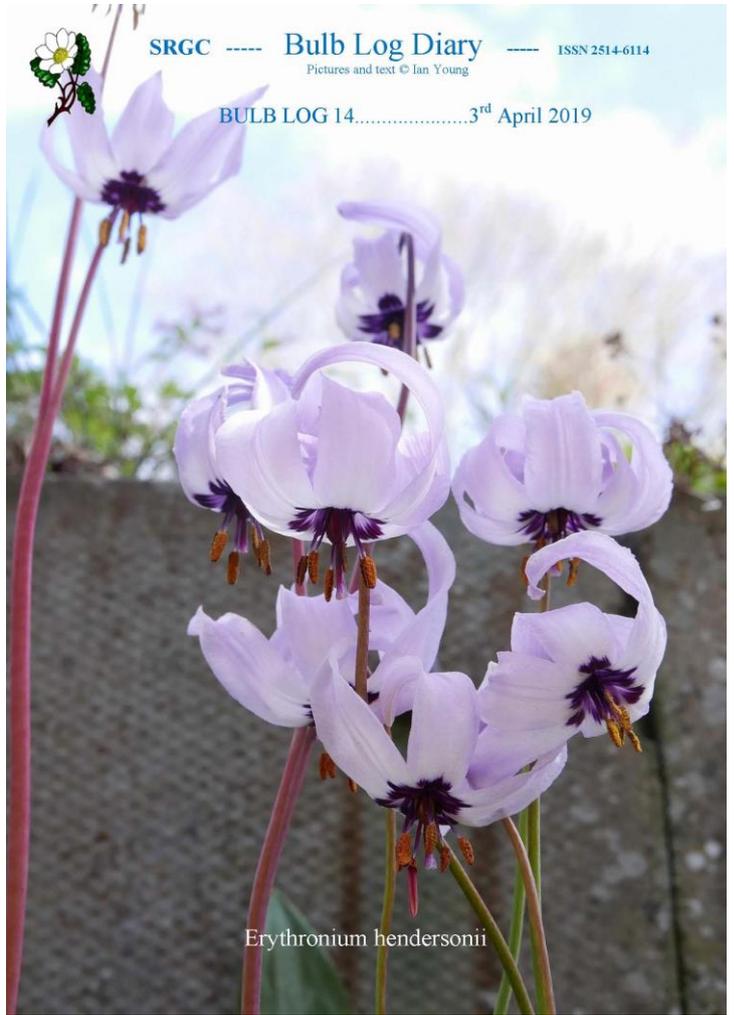
*Narcissus cantabricus*

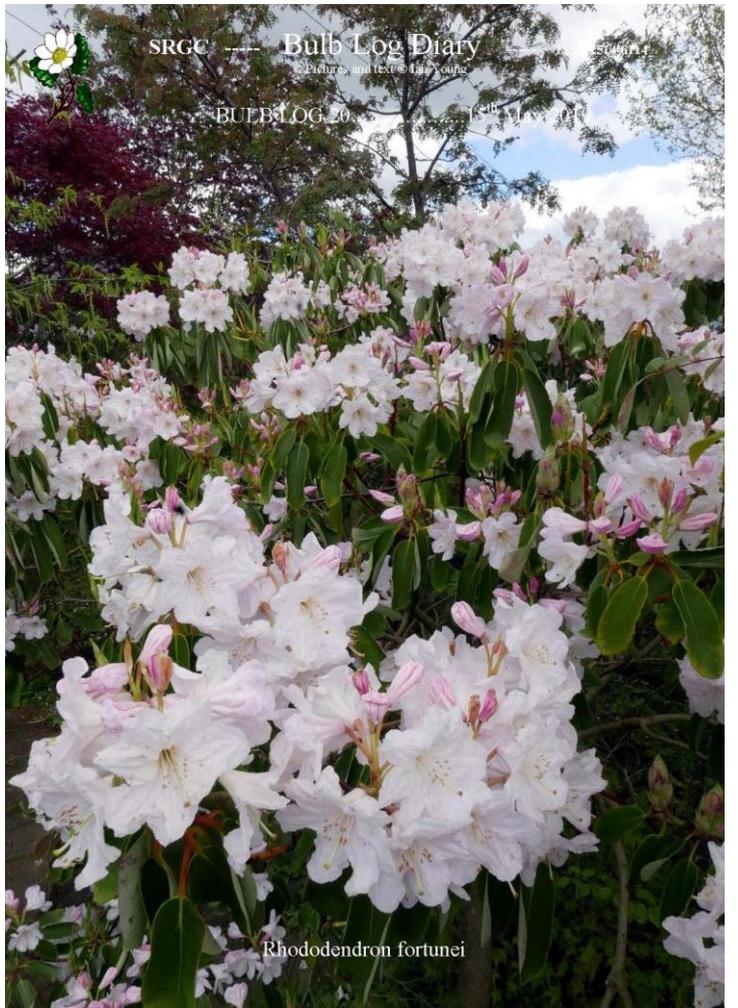
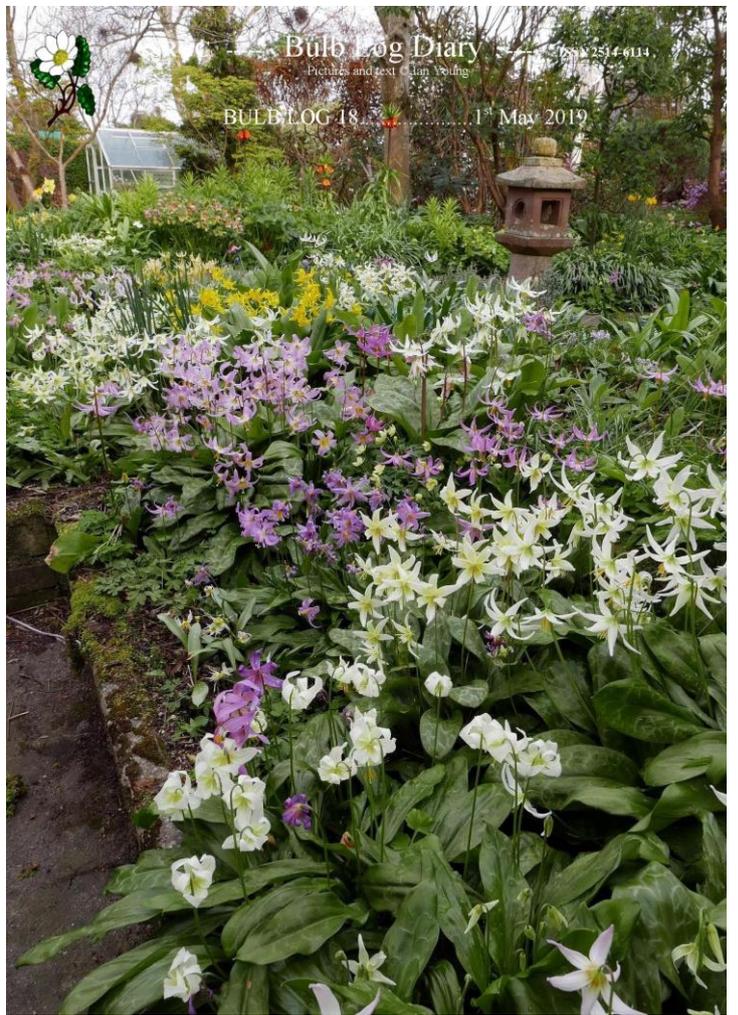


*Erythronium dens-canis*



*Corydalis 'Craigton Red'*







BULB LOG 21.....22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



*Trillium erectum* hybrid



BULB LOG 22.....29<sup>th</sup> May 2019



*Calochortus uniflora*



BULB LOG 23.....5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

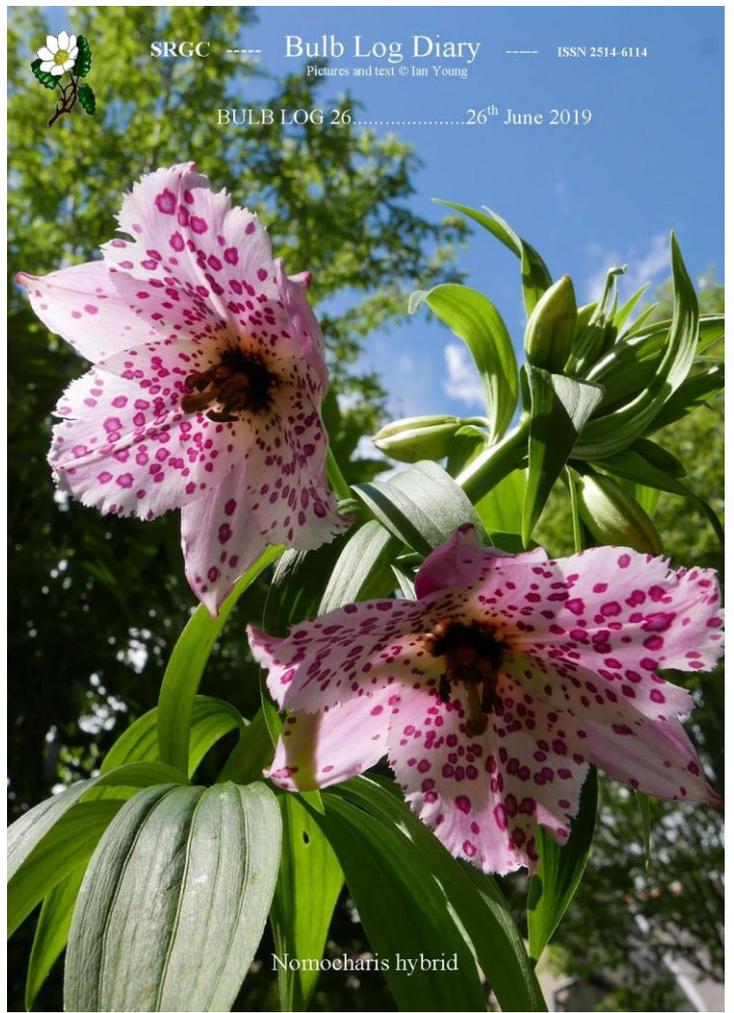


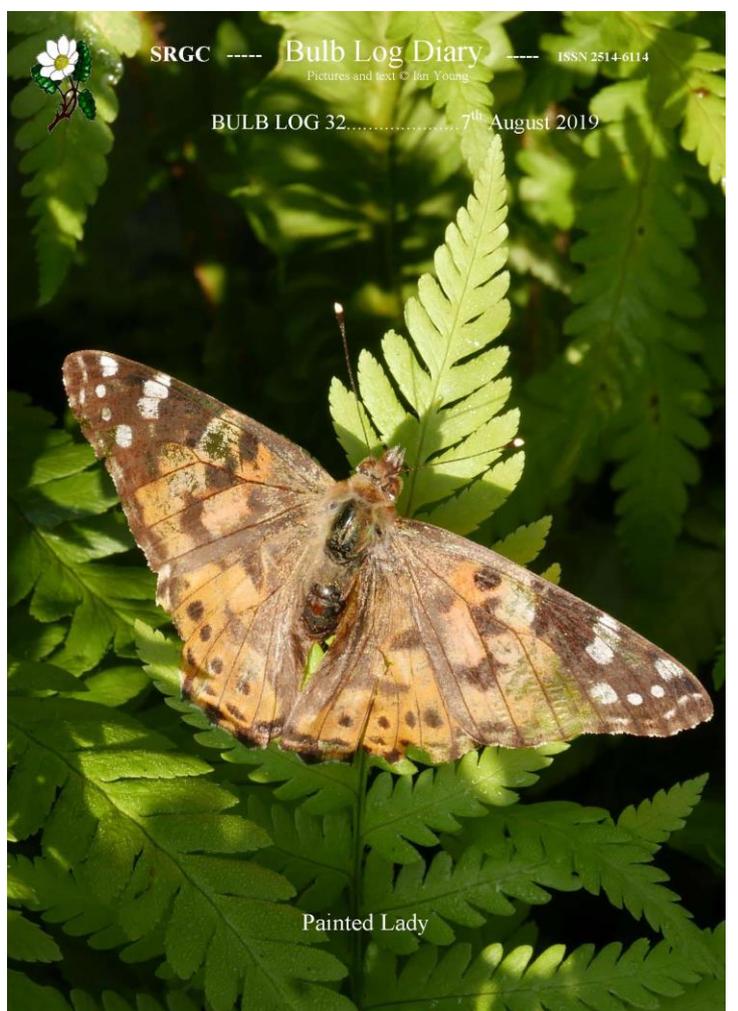
*Haberlea rhodopensis*



BULB LOG 24.....12<sup>th</sup> June 2019









BULB LOG 33.....14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

*Roscoea 'Harvington Imperial'* and *Codonopsis grey-wilsonii*



BULB LOG 34.....21<sup>st</sup> August 2019

*Cyananthus lobatus*



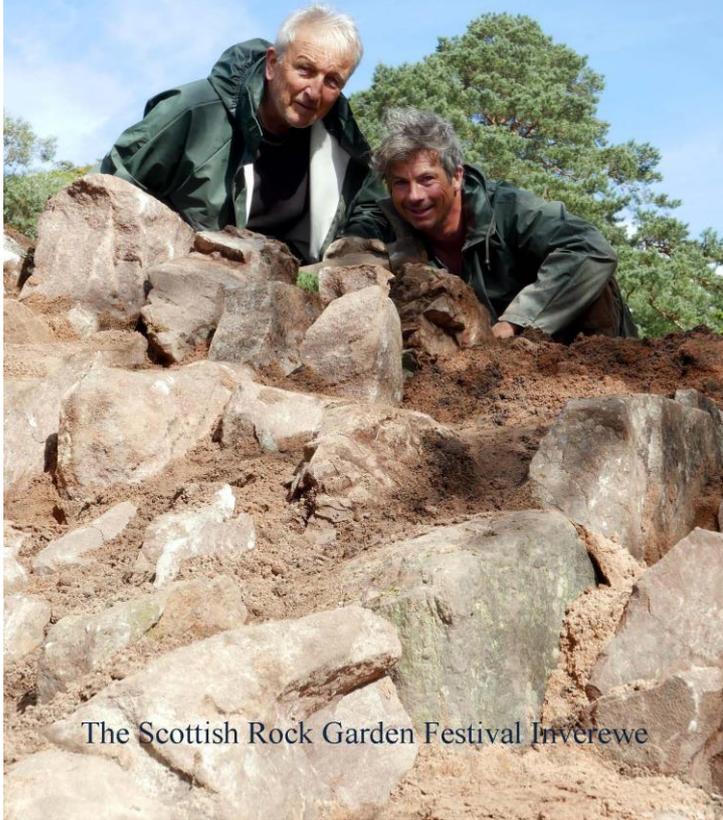
BULB LOG 35.....28<sup>th</sup> August 2019

*Crocus nudiflorus*

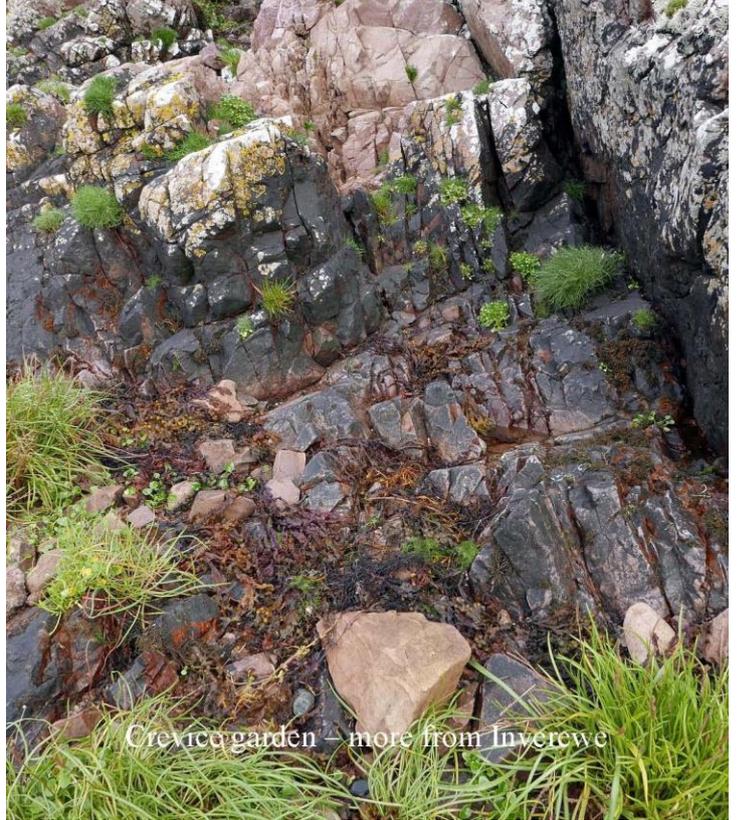


BULB LOG 36.....4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

*Eucomis bicolor*



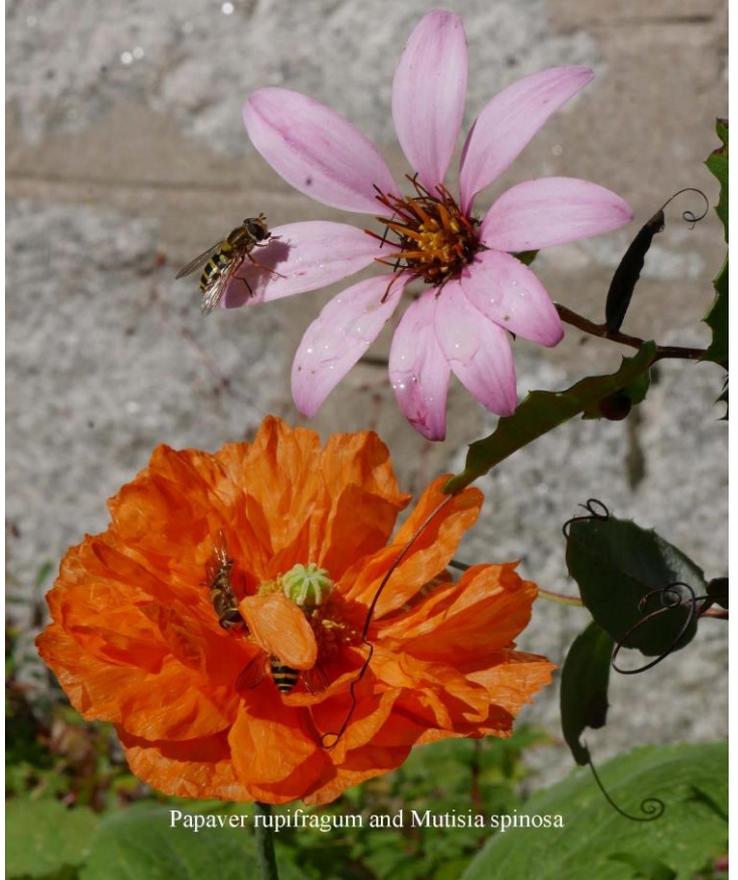
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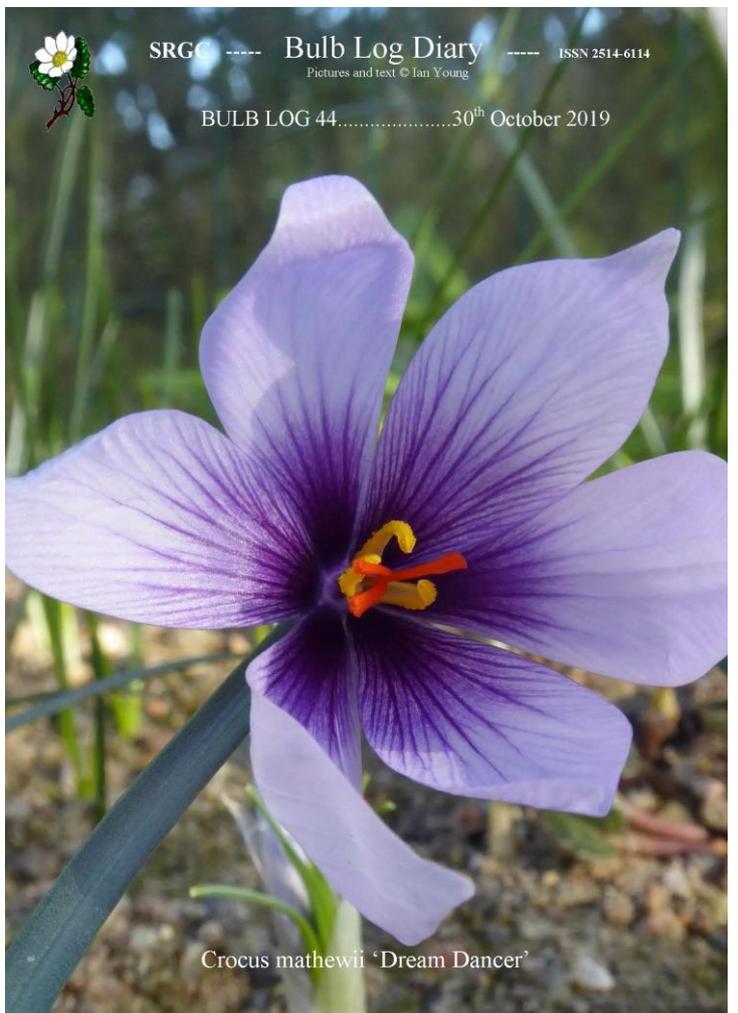
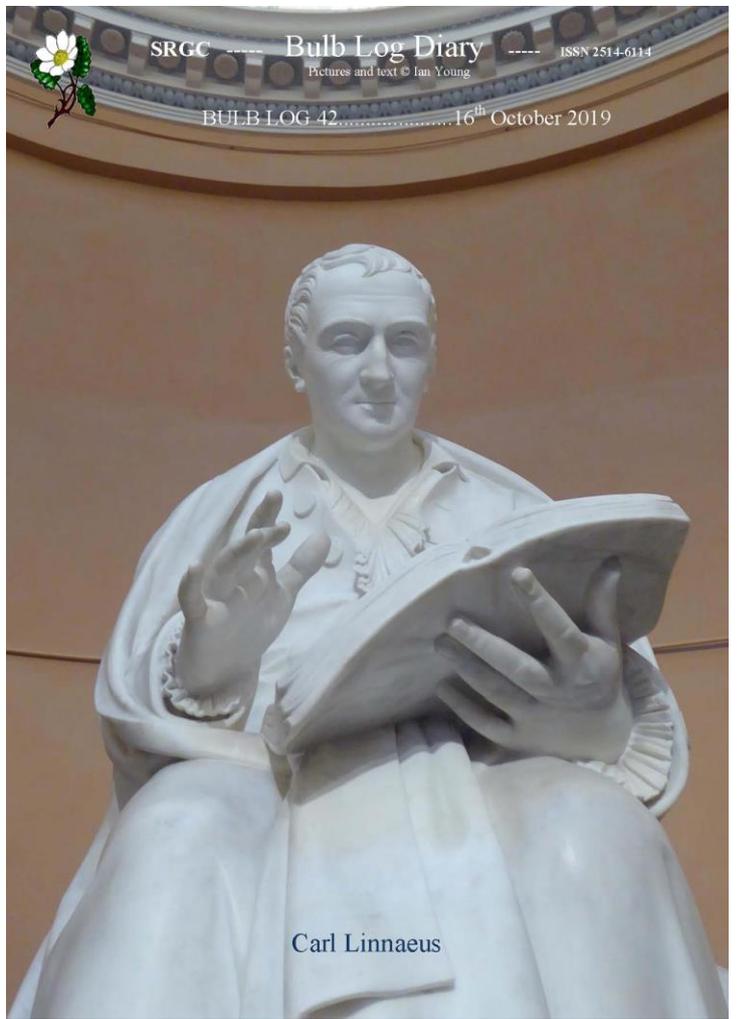
Crevice garden – more from Inverewe



*Crocus vallicola*



*Papaver rupifragum* and *Mutisia spinosa*







*Crocus laevigatus*



*Galanthus reginae-olgae*

