



BULB LOG 28.....13th July 2016



Currently I am still in Alaska, home for next week, so here is another pre-written Bulb Log using pictures taken just before I left. The cover picture shows a section of the wall with the lovely blue of *Corydalis pseudobarbispala*, a very dark form of *Lilium mackliniae*, *Meconopsis baileyi* (previously known as *M. betonicifolia*), garden hybrid *Dactylorhiza* and a yellow form of *Roscoea humeana*.



Meconopsis baileyi



***Lilium mackliniae* dark form**



Dactylorhiza garden hybrids

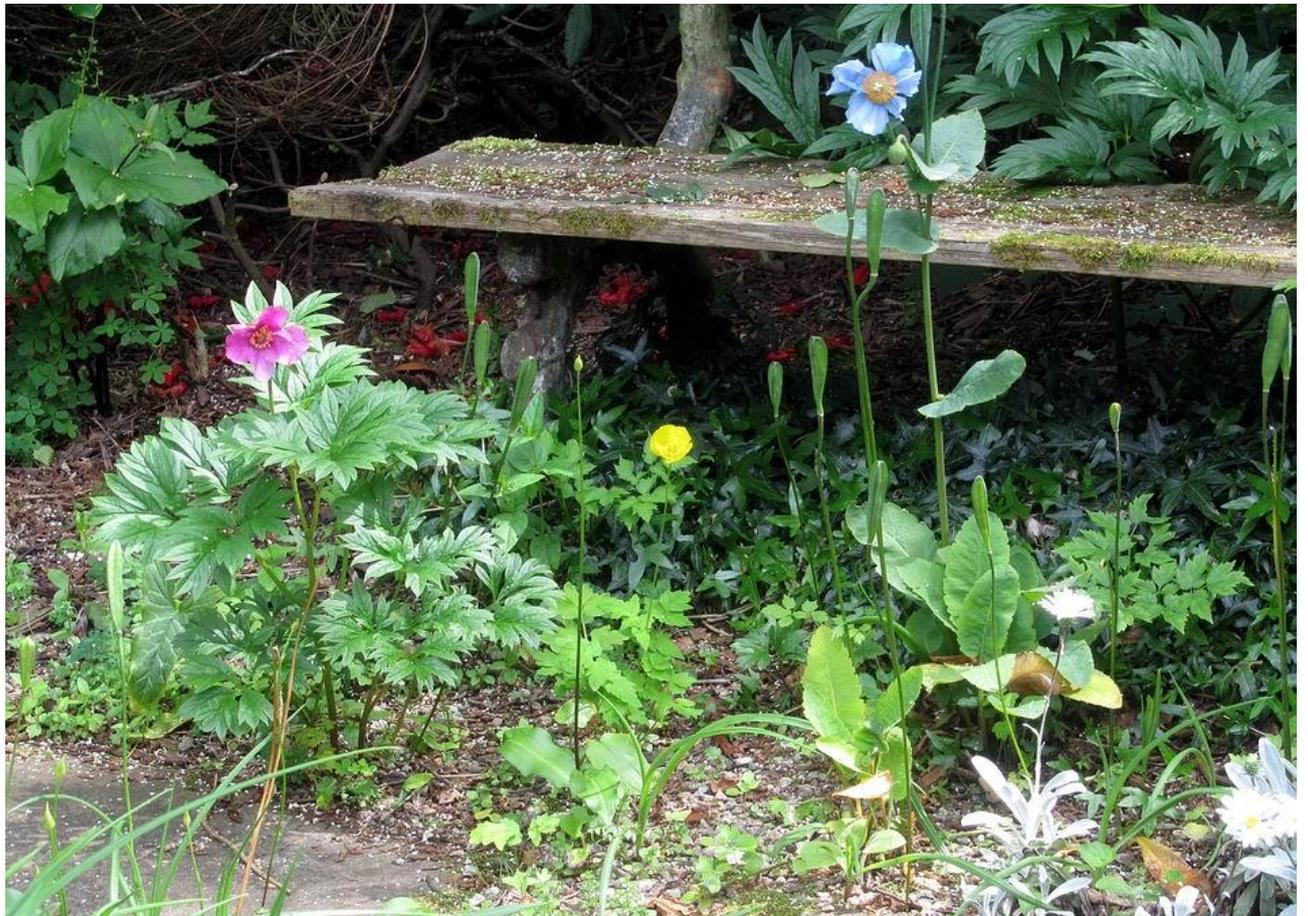


One of the clumps of Dactylorhiza that I lifted and split last year – this is a group I replanted in the original position.



I split and replanted this Corydalis 'Craigton Blue' at the same time as I did the Dactylorhiza some of which I have planted through the corydalis, you can just see them coming into flower now.

All the plants in front of the garden bench have self-seeded into the gravel. For me the old saying "a volunteer is worth more than ten pressed men" holds good for plants that volunteer themselves to the garden – we do have to introduce most of them in the first instance but after that they are largely allowed to do their own thing, finding where they will grow best.





Corydalis capitata



Corydalis capitata with ripening seed pods is one of the plants that seed very freely around and like many of these *Corydalis* they are promiscuous and we get many hybrid plants. I selected the best from the many *Corydalis capitata* seedlings as *Corydalis* 'Craigton Purple'.



Cymbalaria muralis

Some people regard some of the next few plants as weeds and would remove them from their gardens – in our garden they are welcome additions to the many wildflowers that we like to grow with the added benefit that they require no work or skill from us to keep them growing.



Bellis perennis

The common daisy is a very attractive and showy plant ideally suited to rock gardens but is shunned by many who struggle to grow plants such as some species of Erigeron that are difficult to keep going and are nowhere near as pretty as this common native beauty.



Geranium sessiliflorum bronze

This interesting geranium from New Zealand has tiny flowers and with the dark bronze leaves you could easily walk past it without being aware that it is there - you could argue the daisy is a far better plant. I like to find a place in the garden for a wide range of plants and will never become a plant snob only growing the 'rare and difficult' - the common plants are very much appreciated here.



Viola seedlings



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Phlox douglasii



Dactylorhiza* hybrids with *Saxifraga longifolia



Erinus alpinus seeded onto a limestone rock in a small trough beside a self-sown *Dactylorhiza*.



All the *Dactylorhiza* plants in this trough have also volunteered themselves.



Having come through another winter these small 'Troughlets' planted during a workshop in 2008 still look good.





More self-seeded *Dactylorhiza* and *Meconopsis cambrica* in and around this grouping of troughs.



I wanted to feature the silver encrusted *Saxifages* in this trough.



Look carefully at these **Paeonia delavayii** flowers and you will see one has a three part ovary while the other (below) has five parts.



This one also has extra petals and it looks to have extra stamens – I haven't counted them.
Back home for next week.....