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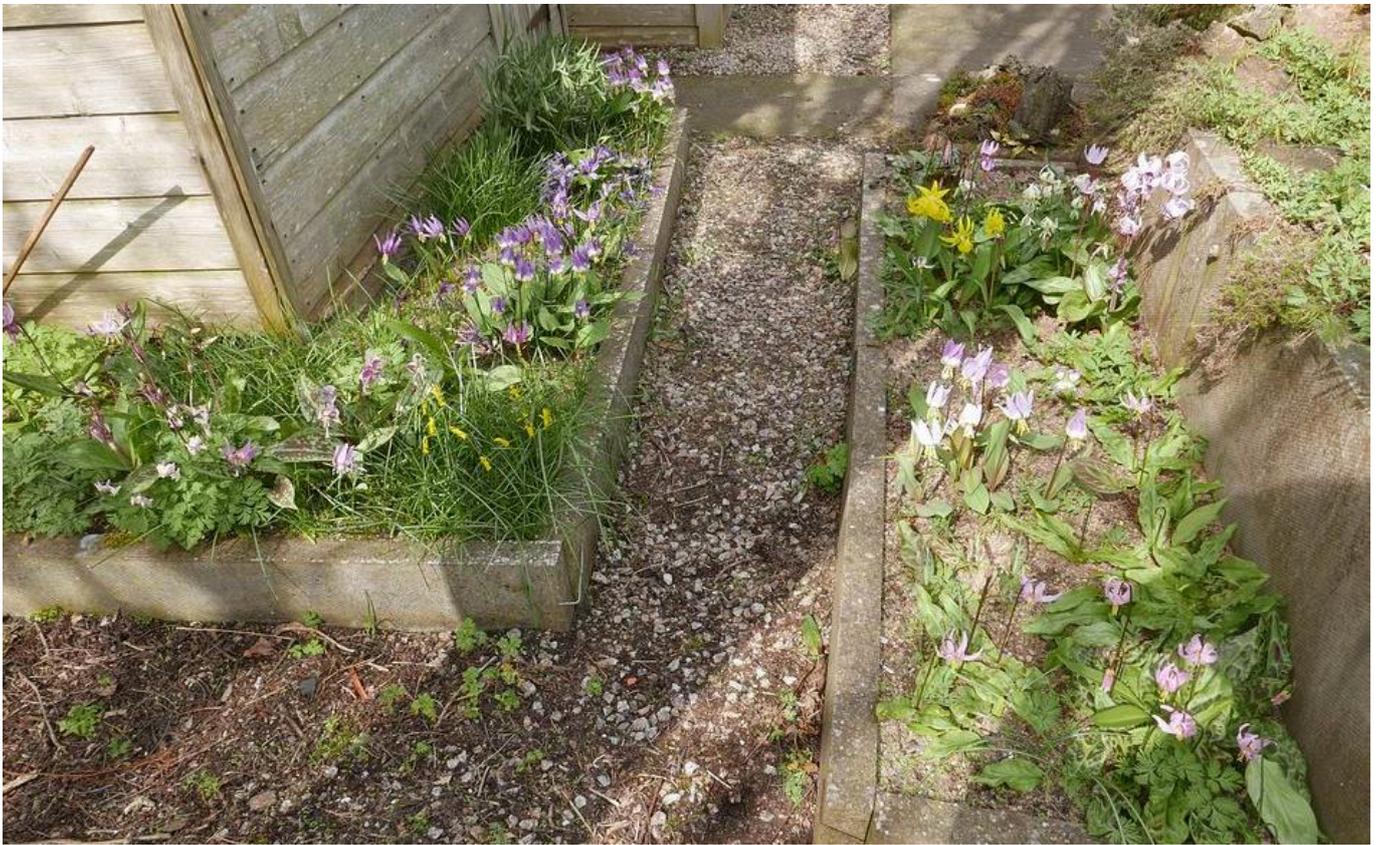
**Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)**

There are a number of different species hiding in the *Erythronium sibiricum* complex this is the one that I thought was being called *Erythronium krylovii* before a paper was published that stated that it had only white flowers - and now I am not clear !



I have seen pictures of wild populations with a mix of colours from white through to dark pink/purples so I am not clear what the correct status is -so - for the purposes of the Bulb Log I will call this *Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)* and use *Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)* for the other . Whatever the correct name this plant is growing very well

in our garden, slowly increasing by division as well as setting seed: this is a group of mostly paler pink seedlings.



Our main stock of the *Erythronium sibiricum* complex grows in mesh baskets plunged in these frames along with other *Erythronium* species and plants that enjoy the cool moist growing conditions.



*Erythronium dens-canis*, *Narcissus cyclamineus* and *Crocus pelistericus* flowering alongside various *Erythronium sibiricum*



**Crocus pelistericus**



**Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)** and **Crocus pelistericus** growing in mesh baskets.



This is a different form from the complex which I believe is **Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)**, it is very easy to separate from the form that I refer to as *E. krylovii* even from a distance.



**Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)**

The following pictures illustrate that their leaves differ in shape also those of *Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)* have varying degrees of markings while those of *krylovii* are plain green.



**Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)**



**Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)**



**Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)**

You can read and see more about my experience of these plants in my E-book [Erythroniums in Cultivation](#) - click the link for a free download.



***Erythronium sibiricum* (sibiricum)**



***Erythronium sibiricum* (krylovii)**



I have also planted out many of the *Erythronium sibiricum* complex seedlings in the new bed I made beside the pond and now I am excited to see them flowering there.



***Erythronium sibiricum* (krylovii)** waiting for the temperature to rise before the flowers open.



**Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)**



This is the white form of the *Erythronium sibiricum* complex that has been described as **Erythronium krylovii**.



Here one of the **Erythronium sibiricum (sibiricum)** type is easy to distinguish by the patterned leaves and the flower shape markings



Erythroniums from the sibiricum complex growing happily in the new bed where I will encourage them to seed around.

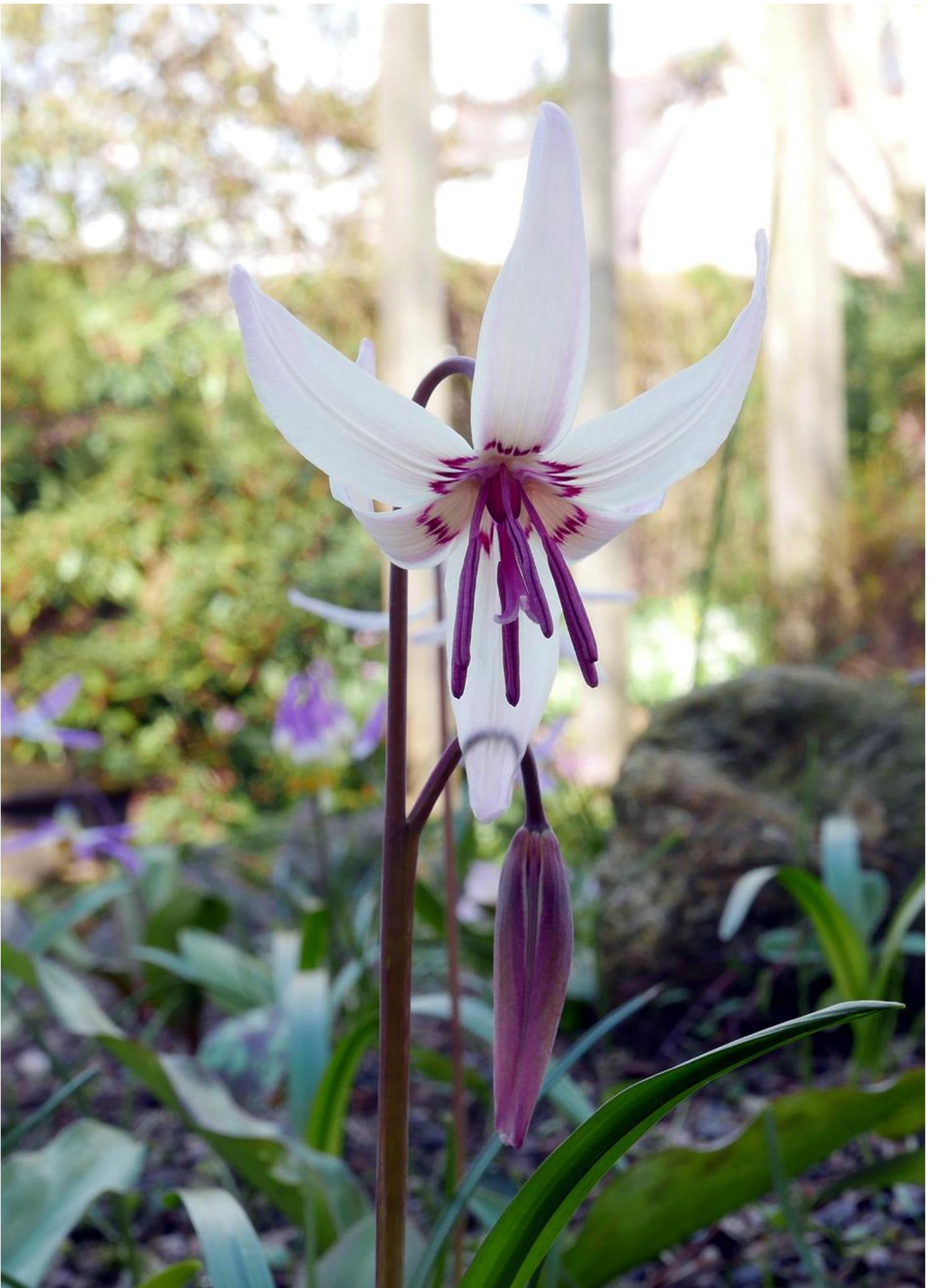


Another mystery is this **Erythronium aff. grandiflorum** from Mount Prevost BC – my observations of the plants I have grown from seed suggest to me that it is sufficiently distinct to be a new species or at least a subspecies.

I have a pot of new seedlings of this *Erythronium* aff. *grandiflorum* from Mount Prevost BC just germinating which will allow me to do further comparisons.



As well as the *sibiricum* complex I have planted *Erythronium* 'Ardovie Bliss' in this bed.



**Erythronium 'Ardovie Bliss'** is a beautiful hybrid of *Erythronium hendersonii*.



As well as in the frames I have been growing **Erythronium sibiricum (krylovii)** in other beds successfully for a few years now, also *Erythronium japonicum* below.



**Erythronium japonicum**



***Erythronium americanum***



The proliferating form of *Erythronium americanum* will eventually settle down and produce plenty flowers.



The early flowering **Erythronium tuolumnense** overlaps with *Corydalis* and *Narcissus* joined below by the pink *Erythronium revolutum*.





Yellow **Erythronium grandiflorum**, cream **Erythronium californicum** and pink **Erythronium hendersonii**.



**Erythronium klamathense** is the smallest species that we grow.



Looking across the rock garden towards the Erythronium frames.



The Bulb Bed is looking very lush with green growth.



The alpines in the troughs and raised beds are also now flowering as Molly watches on.



**Saxifrages.**



While I enjoy growing plants from around the world such as this ***Saxifraga marginata*** in a trough I also get great pleasure from exploring our own flora such as *Cochlearia officinalis*, below, which is equally attractive growing in a raised bed. We also grow *Cochlearia danica* and I think that they may be hybridising in the garden.

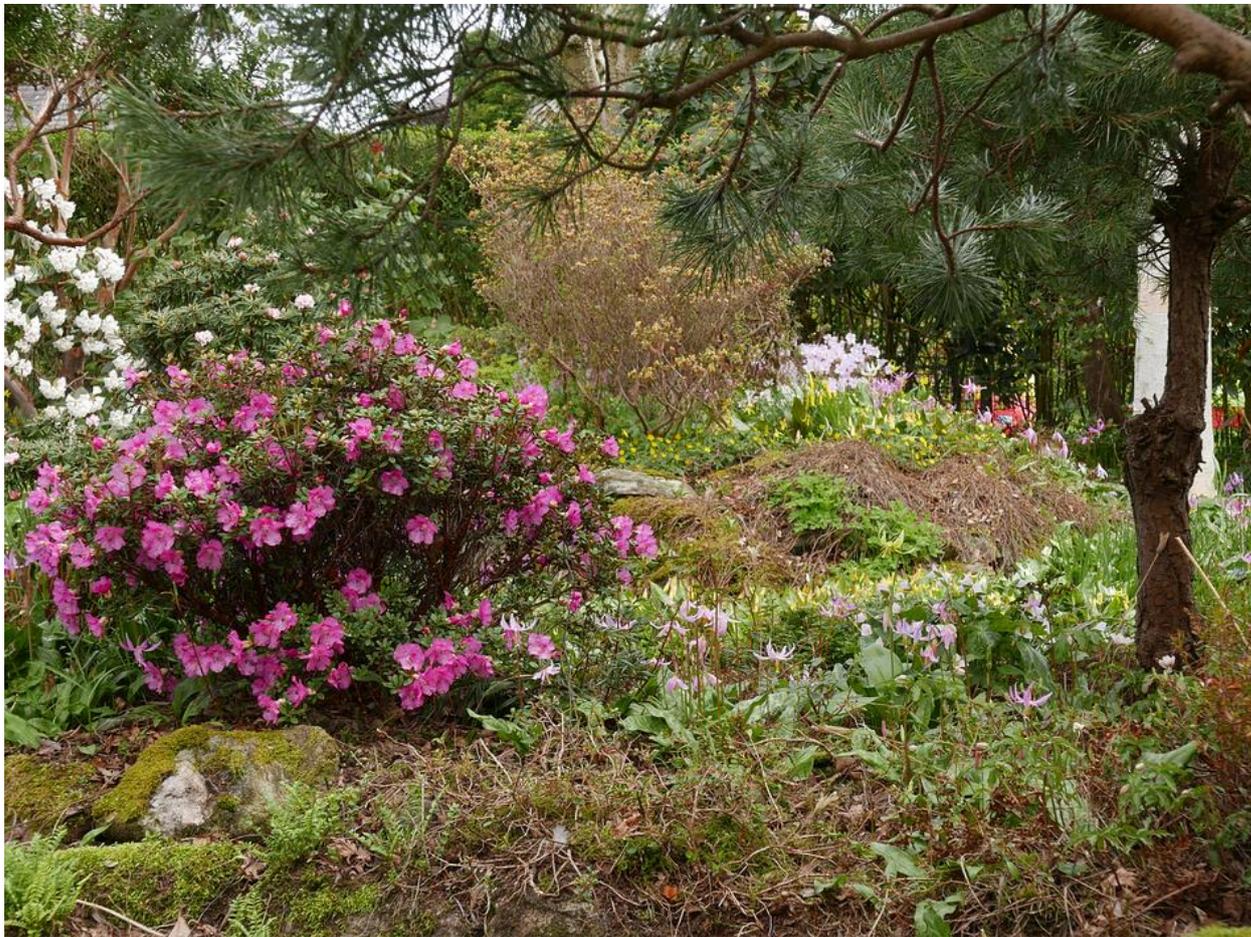


***Cochlearia officinalis***



With so much new growth and flowering I am spending most of my time in the garden but have to remember to water and feed the plants in the bulb house pots and sand beds where there is still plenty of flower.





**Rhododendron  
dendrocharis**

I will finish off this week's Bulb Log with a couple of views across the raised wall where there is so much colour with new flowers opening every day.



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