



RHS *Plants*

Profiling seasonal plants that have gained the RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM), the Society's highest plant accolade

RHS Late Large-flowered Clematis Trial 2012–2015



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Debbie Roe, Trials Officer at RHS Garden Wisley, says: 'There were 88 entries in the trial, which were

submitted by nurseries from the UK and the Netherlands. Although most are recent introductions, some were raised in the 19th century by Surrey nurseryman George Jackman, a noted breeder of clematis hybrids.

The first 71 entries, each consisting of two plants per entry, were planted in the Trials Field at RHS Garden Wisley on 13 June 2012; the rest were planted on 28 September 2012.

The Woody Trials Assessment Forum viewed the trial fortnightly in 2013–2015 from July to September and assessed the plants using the judging criteria of vigour, amount of flower, length of flowering period, quality of flowers, and resistance to pests and diseases. Five new AGMs were awarded and seven existing AGMs reconfirmed.'

✦ RHS hardiness rating H6 (-20 to -15°C / -4 to 5°F).



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Newly earned AGMs

1 *Clematis* 'Roko-Kolla': pure white, pointed petals with a wide, pale green central stripe; produced over an extremely long season, the flowers are followed by attractive seed heads. Flower diameter: 11–12.5cm (4¼–5in).

2 *C.* 'Ascotiensis': floriferous cultivar with intense blue-purple flowers that retain most of their colour as they age. Flowers: 16cm (6½in).

3 *C.* 'Happy Birthday ('Zohapbi)': the rich violet-purple flowers have a velvet sheen when they first open, and fade to a paler shade. Healthy and vigorous cultivar with fresh glossy foliage. Flowers: 10–11cm (4–4¼in).

4 *C.* 'Remembrance': an extremely robust and floriferous cultivar with rich raspberry-red flowers that hold their colour well. Flowers: 12cm (4¾in).

5 *C.* 'Perle d'Azur': a healthy and reliable cultivar with a profusion of broad, slightly furrowed, soft violet petals that curve backwards at the tips. Flowers: 13–15cm (5¼–6in).



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Reconfirmed AGMS

1 Clematis 'Ernest Markham': lots of vigour and a bright colour. Flowers: 11cm (4¼in).

2 C. 'Huldine': good vigour and strong growth. Flowers: 9cm (3½in).

3 C. Wisley ('Evipo001'): dense growth, petals have a central red flush. Flowers: 13cm (5¼in).

4 C. 'Blekitny Anioł': produces many flowers,

with crimped edges. Flowers: 11cm (4¼in).

5 C. 'Prince Charles': reliable with many flowers. Flowers: 10cm (4in).

6 C. 'Gipsy Queen': many flowers, mostly toward the top of the plant. Flowers: 12.5cm (5in).

7 C. 'Comtesse de Bouchaud': free-flowering cultivar. Flowers: 12cm (4¾in).

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❖ For RHS Plant Trials information and reports, search by plant name at www.rhs.org.uk/plant-trial-database



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❖ **6-11 September** Visit RHS Wisley Flower Show and get inspiration from nurseries and trade stands.