

# RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

## Lettuce 2011



### The AGM criteria

Intended as a practical guide for the gardener, the AGM is awarded only to plants that are:

- excellent for ordinary use in appropriate conditions
- available in the trade
- of good constitution
- essentially stable in form and colour
- reasonably resistant to pests and diseases

### AGM hardiness ratings

Each award includes a hardiness rating, which is an integral part of the AGM, and should be included in any citation of the award:

**H1** requires heated glass

**H2** requires unheated glass

**H3** hardy outside in some regions; needs frost-free protection in winter

**H4** hardy throughout British Isles

### AGM material online

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### Cultivation

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### Descriptions

All descriptions have been drawn up by members of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee, for the most part after trial.

#### LETTUCE (*Lactuca sativa*)

##### Decorative

###### 03 'Bijou' (H3)

~ Batavian type with attractive bright red glossy colour and good flavour. Uniform plants with a fairly small frame; slow to bolt. For ornamental use also

###### 03 'Mottistone' (H3)

~ ornamental. Medium-framed with red flecks on pale to mid green leaves. Flecks extend into the heart. Reconfirmed after trial 2007

###### 03 'Nymans' (H3)

~ midi-Cos. Very attractive, deep red colour on glossy leaves. Slow to bolt. Reconfirmed after trial 2007 for decorative use

###### 03 'Pentared' (H3)

~ seaweed-leaved lettuce, so named because deeply cut leaves separate easily when stalk base cut off. Attractive dark leaves, very slow to bolt. Also for ornamental usage

###### 03 'Redina' (H3)

~ for decorative use only

###### 07 'Rosemoor' (H3)

~ magnificent dark red colour with a glossy finish. Recommended as a foliage plant; reasonable flavour

##### Butterhead lettuce, for autumn cropping under protection

###### 97 'Avondefiance' (H3)

~ medium to large mid green heads

###### 97 'Clarion' (H3)

~ open heads, with pale to mid green leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 2002

###### 97 'Sunny' (PBR) (H3)

~ a good-sized lettuce; very early and quick-maturing. Reconfirmed after trial 2002

##### Butterhead lettuce, for spring cropping under protection

###### 97 'Beverley' (PBR) (H3)

~ produces small, solid, mid green heads with rapid growth

###### 00 'Cynthia' (H3)

~ well-hearted, mid green, uniform, good shape

###### 00 'Oskar' (H3)

~ very good quality; heavy heads; very clean, very uniform, medium to large frame; dark green, attractive, well-hearted, thick-leaved

###### 00 'Ravel' (H3)

~ early, well-hearted, thick-leaved variety; medium dark green, with fairly erect leaf

###### 00 'Ricardo' (H3)

~ firm-hearted

###### 00 'Tzigane' (H3)

~ nice open-hearted, uniform, medium to large frame; dark green, clean base

##### Butterhead lettuce, for summer cropping in the open garden

###### 02 'Cassandra' (H3)

~ slower to mature; large, tidy frame, with short internal stem and pale to mid green leaves

###### 02 'Diana' (H3)

~ slower to mature; large frame, with short internal stem and leafy, uniform, mid to dark green heads

###### 02 'Enya' (H3)

~ uniform, dense, well-hearted, tidy heads. Good garden variety

###### 02 'Fatima' (H3)

~ large frame; uniform, dense, pale to mid green, well-hearted heads

###### 93 'Lilian' (H3)

~ round, well-filled heads, with smooth mid green leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 1997 and 2002

###### 02 'Mikola' (H3)

~ 'Marvel of Four Seasons' type; medium-sized frame; tidy heads with green, bronze-tipped leaves and solid hearts. Slow to bolt. Reconfirmed after trial 2003

###### 02 'Plenty' (H3)

~ uniform, pale to mid green, with tidy, well-filled hearts

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- 02 **'Roxy'** (H3)  
~ 'Marvel of Four Seasons' type; very uniform, attractive, medium to dark green bronze-tipped leaves. Slow to bolt. Reconfirmed after trial 2003
- 02 **'Sangria'** (H3)  
~ a large frame; soft, loose, pale green leaves, tipped pinkish-red; good uniform hearts; slower to mature. Reconfirmed after trial 2003
- 02 **'Titan'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ mid green, well-hearted, tidy heads; slower to mature. Good garden variety
- Cos lettuce**
- 99 **'Attico'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ early. Mid to dark green 'Little Gem' type with dense heads
- 99 **'Bubbles'** (H3)  
~ small heads with dark green crinkly leaves; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 07 **'Chatsworth'** (H3)  
~ medium-sized with rugose leaves; dense hearts make a good weight and have a good blanch. Very good flavour
- 07 **'Claremont'** (H3)  
~ midi-Cos; good upright compact habit and shiny leaves. Good flavour
- 93 **'Corsair'** (H3)  
~ vigorous large frame with mid to pale green slightly blistered leaves; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Cosmic'** (H3)  
~ medium size with pale to mid green slightly blistered leaves; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Crisp Mint'** (H3)  
~ very fast growing; crinkly leaf and well-filled heart
- 99 **'Darkland Cos'** (H3)  
~ not too blistered; good standing; uniform, nice even medium dark green colour
- 00 **'Density'** (H3)  
~ semi-Cos with leafy, erect habit; dark green, very uniform. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 03 **'Exbury'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ Cos type with very bright red, glossy, erect leaves
- 93 **'Jewel'** (H3)  
~ larger than 'Little Gem' with slightly more blistered leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 1999
- 99 **'Kendo'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ a red-leaved 'Little Gem' type. Reconfirmed after trial 2000 and 2007
- 93 **'Little Gem'** (H3)  
~ small solid heads with mid green, medium-blistered leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 1999 and 2007
- 07 **'Little Gem Delight'** (H3)  
~ uniform crop of small dense broad-headed lettuce with good flavour
- 99 **'Little Gem Pearl'** (H3)  
~ 'Little Gem' type but with paler green, more blistered leaves; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Little Leprechaun'** (H3)  
~ semi-Cos with dark red leaves
- 93 **'Lobjoit's Green Cos'** (H3)  
~ large, rather open heads, with relatively smooth mid green leaves. Reconfirmed after trial 1999
- 07 **'Marshall'** (H3)  
~ very attractive bright red colour. Slender and very erect with dark, shiny leaves. Very sweet flavour
- 03 **'Nymans'** (H3)  
~ midi-Cos. Very attractive, deep red colour on glossy leaves. Slow to bolt. Reconfirmed after trial 2007 for decorative use
- 03 **'Pandero'** (H3)  
~ 'Little Gem' type. Very attractive, uniform plants; small frame, with leaves flushed deep red over dark green; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Parris Island'** (H3)  
~ vigorous with pale green uniform heads; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Pinokkio'** (H3)  
~ medium-sized, dark green; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 99 **'Romany'** (H3)  
~ early to mature. A round-edged, well-turned leaf; some mildew resistance; reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 07 **'Rosemoor'** (H3)  
~ magnificent dark red colour with a glossy finish. Recommended as a foliage plant; reasonable flavour
- 07 **'Tintin'** (H3)  
~ attractive 'Little Gem' type with a small core and sweet flavour
- 99 **'Verte Maraichere'** (H3)  
~ a very old variety; erect, medium to pale leaves with slight blistering
- Crisphead lettuce**
- 94 **'Beatrice'** (H3)  
~ small to medium-sized mid green leafy heads; early to mature
- 01 **'Blush'** (H3)  
~ a baby Iceberg with slight red blush on grey-green outer leaves
- 01 **'Challenge'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ very large solid hearts; mid to dark green leaves
- 01 **'Court'** (H3)  
~ compact and early
- 01 **'Dickinson'** (H3)  
~ medium to large frame, solid well-filled heads; early
- 94 **'Kelvin'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ greyish-green solid hearts which are early to mature
- 93 **'Lakeland'** (H3)  
~ large frame with well-hearted heads and bright green leaves; later to mature
- 94 **'Leopard'** (H3)  
~ large frame with well-filled heads
- 94 **'Malika'** (H3)  
~ early. Small-framed, dark green well-filled heads

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- 94 **'Minigreen'** (H3)  
~ early. Uniform, attractive heads with well-formed hearts. Reconfirmed after trial 2001
- 01 **'Robinson'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ medium to large frame, good quality solid hearts
- 94 **'Roxette'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ shorter-leaved type; tidy, solid hearts
- 01 **'Set'** (H3)  
~ medium to large size; an early, solid, heavy lettuce
- 03 **'Sioux'** (H3)  
~ smooth leaves, large frame, with a green heart and outer leaves tipped red. Slow to bolt
- Leafy lettuce**
- 03 **'Barosso'** (H3)  
~ Batavian type; vigorous large frame with a bright red tinge
- 03 **'Bijou'** (H3)  
~ Batavian type with attractive bright red glossy colour and good flavour. Uniform plants with a fairly small frame; slow to bolt. For ornamental use also
- 95 **'Black-seeded Simpson Improved'** (H3)  
~ yellow-green leaves with frilled edges. Cos-like in growth
- 95 **'Catalogna'** (H3)  
~ strong-growing oak-leaved type. Light green slightly blistered leaves
- 03 **'Cerize'** (H3)  
~ oak-leaved type. Uniform plants with a large frame and attractive deep, bright cherry-red leaves. Slow to bolt
- 95 **'Cocarde'** (H3)  
~ large oak-leaved type, with bronze green-tinged leaves
- 95 **'Cordoba'** (H3)  
~ a darker 'Lollo Rossa' type. Tightly frilled
- 03 **'Delicato'** (H3)  
~ oak-leaved type with attractive cherry-red colour. Uniform plants; slow to bolt
- 95 **'Ferrari'** (H3)  
~ an oak-leaved type. Frilled with heavily bronzed outer leaves
- 95 **'Frillice'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ small-growing plants with heavily serrated dark green leaves
- 95 **'Frisby'** (H3)  
~ compact growth with mid green tightly frilled leaves
- 95 **'Ibis'** (H3)  
~ Batavian type; medium to large framed, mid to dark green, blistered leaves with bright bronze leaf tips; good flavour. Reconfirmed after trial 2003
- 95 **'Impuls'** (H3)  
~ 'Lollo Rossa' type with tightly frilled bronzed and red leaves
- 95 **'Krizet'** (H3)  
~ 'Salad Bowl' type with light green frilled leaves
- 95 **'Lollo Rossa'** (H3)  
~ round, medium-sized plants with green-centred leaves and bronzed frilled outer leaves
- 03 **'Lollo Rossa – Assor'** (H3)  
~ 'Lollo Rossa': a selection with a large frame and pale green leaves, tipped pink. Uniform plants
- 95 **'Loros'** (H3)  
~ a slightly smaller-growing 'Lollo Rossa' type
- 95 **'New Red Fire'** (H3)  
~ large, with puckered light bronze outer leaves
- 03 **'Nika'** (H3)  
~ 'Lollo Rossa' type; medium red leaf, plants slow to bolt; good mildew resistance
- 03 **'Pentared'** (H3)  
~ seaweed-leaved lettuce, so named because deeply cut leaves separate easily when stalk base cut off. Attractive dark leaves, very slow to bolt. Also for ornamental usage
- 95 **'Raisa'** (H3)  
~ compact oak-leaved type with bronze and frilled out leaves
- 95 **'Red Ruffles'** (H3)  
~ large oak-leaved type, open-hearted with bronze blistered leaves
- 95 **'Red Salad Bowl'** (H3)  
~ large oak-leaved type. Green leaves flushed with red on the edge
- 03 **'Rusty'** (H3)  
~ midi-Cos, uniform, with a small erect frame. Dark emerald, blushed leaves
- 95 **'Salad Bowl'** (H3)  
~ large open-hearted plants with light green frilled leaves
- 95 **'Sesam'** <sup>(PBR)</sup> (H3)  
~ a smaller-growing darker-leaved 'Lollo Rossa' type
- 95 **'Sunburst'** (H3)  
~ a medium-sized cabbage lettuce with deep red/bronze outer leaves