

The International Delphinium Register Supplement 2003-2004

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The following list contains the delphinium cultivar and cultivar-group names which have been registered between 1st November 2003 and 31st December 2004. Raisers and introducers of new delphiniums are urged to ensure that the names of all their plants have been registered.

Registration forms can be obtained from the International Delphinium Registrar, Royal Horticultural Society's Garden, Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB, UK or from the RHS website at: www.rhs.org.uk/plants/registration.asp There is no fee for basic registration, nor for the Certificate (if this is requested).

In the list below R = raiser, H = hybridiser, G = person who grew the plant to its first flowering, S = selected by, N = person naming the plant, I = introducer, REG = registrant.

Colour Codes such as '85D' or '95C' refer to the RHS Colour Chart (1966, reprinted 1986, 1995, 2001).

'Delft Blue' cv. (Sport from 'Volkerfrieden') First propagated: Heemskerk & Rietvink FA, 2000 N: G. van Buren, 2002 I: Darwin Plants, 2003 REG: Heemskerk & Rietvink FA, 2004. Stems short (c1.0m), erect. Lvs c15 × 17cm, deeply pedately lobed, dark yellowish green (139A). Spikes c26cm long, with numerous laterals, all with c12 well-spaced fls. Fls single, c42mm wide, inside vivid purplish blue (100A), shading at margins to strong blue (101B) to very light purplish blue (100D) – darkest at tip, palest at margins; outside vivid purplish blue (96B) to strong purplish blue (96C) shading to brilliant or light purplish blue (97A-B) towards margins; 4 small petaloids in eye, dorsal pair strong violet (93A) to vivid purplish blue (96A), ventral 93A becoming 96A towards apex, with two spots of brilliant greenish yellow (5A-B) hairs; anthers light olive grey (197A); spurs c25mm long, pedicels c45mm long. Flowering July-September. Belladonna. (Flowers appear as blue with almost white edges. Nomenclatural standard: colour print provided by registrant (WSY)).

'Summer Nights' cv. (Selection from *D. grandiflorum*) R, N & I (c2003): Ernst Benary Samenzucht REG: 2004. Naturally compact and well-branched, with stems to 35cm. Lvs finely divided. Fls single, midnight blue with prominent spurs. Floriferous, dwarf variety, earlier to flower and more heat tolerant than other delphiniums of this type. Flowering May-July. Propagated by seed.