

# SPRINGWOOD PLEIONES

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## PRICE LIST 2023 – 2024



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## SPECIES AND VARIETIES

available for sale 2023- 2024

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| <i>P. Alishan</i>               | (formosana x Versailles)<br>lilac-pink, lip well marked yellow-brown.   | £5.00  |
| <i>Pln. Dr. Mo Weatherhead</i>  | (grandiflora x humilis)<br>our own introduction, good strong grower,<br>early flowering, mixed clones, ivory white, lip heavily<br>marked red and yellow, to varying degrees.                                   | £15.00 |
| <i>Pln. Follifoot</i>           | (Fuego x Arkengarthdale) "Princess Tiger"<br>like a very superior limprichtii, but with larger flowers,<br>rich purple with paler but heavily spotted lips.<br>Rated by Dr. Harberd as one of his best hybrids. | £20.00 |
| <i>Pln. Jorullo</i>             | (limprichtii x bulbocodioides)<br>deep rose pink, lip well marked red, vibrant and attractive.  | £5.00  |
| <i>Pln. Krakatoa</i>            | (yunnanensis x forrestii)<br>Petals pale yellow, throat deep yellow with strong red markings.<br>Limited availability.  | £20.00 |
| <i>Pln. Marco Polo</i>          | (bulbocodioides x Shantung)<br>lilac pink, lip pale and heavily marked red and yellow,<br>strong grower with large bulbs. Our own cross.  | £7.00  |
| <i>Pln. Rakata "Shot Silk"</i>  | large flowers, petals deep apricot,<br>lip yellow flushed apricot,<br>with heavy deep orange-red markings.  | £20.00 |
| <i>Pln. Shantung</i>            | (formosana x confusa) "Ducat"<br>superb rich yellow, lips with deep red markings.<br>Queen of the hybrids.  | £25.00 |
| <i>Pln. Starbotton</i>          | (Fuego x confusa)<br>warm purple, yellow lips heavily blotched with red.  | £20.00 |
| <i>Pln. Stromboli "Il Duce"</i> | attractive cerise pink, lip much darker and heavily blotched brick red.<br>Much stronger all round than the type.   | £10.00 |

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| <i>Pln. Tolima</i> ( <i>speciosa</i> x <i>formosana</i> )<br>cerise pink, lips marked crimson and yellow.   | £5.00  |
| <i>Pln. Vesuvius</i> ( <i>bulbocodioides</i> x <i>confusa</i> )<br>deep pink, lip marked red, strong grower.  | £10.00 |
| <i>Pln. Vesuvius</i> "Leopard"<br>rich, vibrant, deep orange-pink flowers,<br>lip orange-yellow with very distinct deep red spotting,<br>much sought after and far superior to "Phoenix".<br>Limited availability.                | £20.00 |
| <i>Pln. Vicky</i> ( <i>bulbocodioides</i> x <i>barbarae</i> )<br>our own introduction, mixed clones, varying shades of pink,<br>lips well marked with deep purple blotches and some with yellow;<br>ideal for cold frame culture. | £4.00  |
| <i>Pln. Vicky</i> "High Noon"<br>Bright lavender pink throughout,<br>entire lip intensely marked deep pink.   | £10.00 |
| <i>Pln. Vicky</i> "Sunrise"<br>warm magenta pink, lip marked with deep red blotches,<br>throat white, strong grower.  | £10.00 |
| <i>Pln. Vicky</i> "Sunset"<br>deep magenta pink, lip heavily marked red and yellow,<br>free flowering and a strong grower.  | £10.00 |
| <i>Pln. Volcanello</i> ( <i>Soufrière</i> x <i>bulbocodioides</i> )<br>soft pink, lip pale and heavily marked orange-red,<br>our own cross.   | £8.00  |
| <i>Pln. x barbarae</i> ( <i>grandiflora</i> x <i>bulbocodioides</i> ) (natural hybrid)<br>deep cerise pink, lip well marked red, free flowering.  | £12.50 |

## BARGAIN LOTS

Most species and varieties offered for sale may be purchased in “lots” of three to five smaller non-flowering size bulbs to the equivalent weight of a large flowering-size bulb at the same price as the latter. An excellent opportunity to increase your stock. If required please indicate as “LOT” in the quantity column of the order form.

Similarly, single, medium but **not** flowering-size bulbs may be purchased at half the listed price of flowering-size bulbs. If required please indicate as “MEDIUM” in the quantity column of the order form.

## BULBILS

These are available in multiples of 10, subject to availability, we supply these for most varieties at the cost of 20 for the listed price of a flowering-size bulb. (e.g. 10 x *Pln. Stromboli* costs £2.50).

Enquiries regarding any species or varieties not listed are always welcome.

## RECOMMENDED READING

*THE GENUS PLEIONE* - Phillip Cribb and Ian Butterfield - The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew  
ISBN 1 900 347814

## MANAGEMENT

**SPRING:** Once growth has commenced the plants should be moved from winter storage to a frost-free, but cool, environment. It is advisable to avoid direct sunlight at this stage since flower quality can be impaired. Very dry pots should be well watered initially by soaking from below; subsequent watering should ideally maintain the compost barely moist. This is to encourage the roots to search for moisture and consequently develop a stronger system. Flowering, which precedes leaf development, occurs in most species and varieties during March and April. As leaf growth develops, following flowering, gradually increase the supply of water, but at no time should the compost be sodden. Feeding with a liquid fertilizer should commence on a regular basis. Additional warmth and sunlight are now beneficial, but direct sunlight should still be avoided. A light overhead spray with water on a warm evening is much appreciated by the plants, as is adequate ventilation and air circulation.

**SUMMER:** Towards the end of June when the leaves are fully developed, the plants may be moved to an outdoor situation. Early morning or late afternoon sun is not harmful, but some protection from the strong midday sun should be provided. Continue regular feeding and watering as required until mid-September.

**AUTUMN:** As the leaves yellow and die back, watering should be reduced. A return to the cool glasshouse environment and weak sunlight help to ripen the new pseudo-bulbs which have formed at the base of the leaf. Care should be taken to afford protection against early frosts while the plants are still in leaf.

**WINTER:** Dead leaves should be removed, the pot generally tidied and the compost allowed to dry completely. Store the dormant pseudo-bulbs in an unheated garage or shed, keeping the pots completely dry, light is not essential. As the young flower shoots represent the only tender stage, chilling during this period is not harmful; most species will withstand slight sub-zero temperatures. Each flowering-sized pseudo-bulb produces, on average, two new ones each year. Although these may be divided off and potted individually, annual repotting is not necessary unless there is a danger of overcrowding in the containers. If this situation arises the quality of new pseudo-bulbs and subsequent flowering will be adversely affected. Any repotting required should be carried out during January before growth commences, as damage to the young roots can be fatal to the plant. As the old pseudo-bulb shrivels and dies, bulbils are often produced on the top of it. These may be removed and potted also, to increase stock, but it will take two to three years for these to achieve flowering size.

## ECOLOGY AND CULTIVATION

*Pleiones* are a genus, comprising approximately twenty species, of near-hardy terrestrial orchids. Their natural distribution extends from the Himalayas in central Nepal eastwards through the mountainous regions of central and southern China and its neighbouring south east Asian countries, to Taiwan. They grow in a wide variety of habitats ranging from moss-covered rocks and tree branches to leaf-littered embankments and forest fringes. The genus is often known as 'Indian Crocus' or 'Windowsill Orchid'. The latter is a very apt description as their cultivation requirements are very minimal, thus making them an ideal subject for growing in the home, cold frame, or cool glasshouse. Their popularity has increased in recent years amongst both amateur and professional growers alike, and this has resulted in the breeding of many fine new hybrids. The majority of *Pleiones* are spring-flowering and the following cultivation notes are intended for these. Autumn-flowering species require slightly different treatment, usually by way of gentle warmth and moisture, as these do not go completely dormant during the winter months.

**COMPOST:** The composition of this is not critical but it should be well-drained and open, yet have the ability to retain some moisture. A combination from quite a large selection of readily available materials, either traditional or modern, may be used. These can include :- small-chipped Forest Bark, composted Forest Bark, coarse Perlite, medium-grade Pumice, chopped-live Sphagnum Moss or Ground Moss, Coir, Leaf Mould, Pine or Spruce Needles. The addition of a small quantity of ¼" (6mm.) sieved Charcoal can be beneficial. The nutritional value of the compost mix is not an important consideration providing that adequate liquid feeding is carried out during the growing season.

**POTTING:** Clay or plastic containers may be used with equal success. However, the latter should have extra holes drilled in the base to improve drainage. Pans or half-pots are preferable to standard pots as *Pleiones* prefer a shallow compost depth. The containers should be at least one-third filled with drainage material such as 'crocks', gravel or coarse Pumice. Do not over-firm the compost, as watering will gradually settle it to a natural firmness. Most species and varieties require the pseudo-bulbs to be seated into the compost surface to approximately one-third of the bulb depth only. On commencement of growth the new roots will soon 'anchor' the pseudo-bulb firmly in position. Exceptions to this rule include *Pln. pleionoides* which needs to be almost buried and *Pln. bulbocodioides* which should be planted approximately two centimetres deep.

## TERMS OF BUSINESS

All orders taken in strict rotation upon receipt.

Please place orders before the end of the year if possible. We are, however, prepared to accept and will endeavour to fulfil orders until the end of January. Lots and bulbils are generally available during this period but there may be limitations to the availability of flowering-size bulbs once our potting up operations commence. Consequently it is advisable to enquire before placing a firm order. Those received after the end of January will be held over until the following year.

Except where otherwise stated, offers are for dormant flowering-size bulbs (flowering **not** guaranteed) and are subject to availability.

Where possible please include a list of substitutes. If this is inappropriate then it is advisable to send an open, limited value, cheque (simply write "not to exceed £.....", between the crossings on your cheque) which we will then complete accordingly to the final value of your order. Substitutes will not be sent unless requested. Refunds will be given for unavailable varieties if payment for these has been received.

Pre-payment is a requirement for dispatch. Orders can be sent out prior to Christmas on request, otherwise dispatch will be during early to mid January, but not in severe, cold weather.

Confirmation of orders will only be sent on receipt of an **s.a.e.**

## PAYMENT

**Please make cheques, etc., payable to: C. A. REDSHAW**

Orders within the UK :-                      Please add £5.00 towards postage and packaging.  
£3.00 if the order is for bulbils only.  
Orders of £60 and over are post-free.

Orders from the rest of the world Negotiable; please enquire with your proposed order.

All Orders should be mailed to:

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