



13 *Meconopsis* 'Barney's Blue' (AM)^Δ

Background: 'Barney's Blue' came to light in 2000 in the garden George and Betty Sherriff created at Ascreavie House, Kingoldrum, Angus, now owned by Barney Baron after whom the plant was named. Probably not raised by the Sherriffs, but acquired after they retired from India in 1949. *GSG, MG12. Notable features:* **Flowers:** Unusual, colour changing from bud opening to maturity, from the centre outwards from deep magenta to mauvy-blue to a final clear blue, giving a tri-coloured effect to a clump. **Emerging leaves:** A little later emerging than other GSG cultivars and lack the usual intense red-purple pigmentation. **Mature leaves:** Paleish green. **Fruit capsule:** Typical for GSG, densely covered with short, pale-coloured bristles. **Flowering season:** Late. **Compare:** Other GSG cultivars. **Availability and cultivation:** Specialist nurseries; sterile but readily increased by division.