



18 *Meconopsis* 'Jimmy Bayne' (AM)^Δ

Background: Found growing in Dunblane, central Scotland, in about 1962 by Jimmy Bayne and given to the author in about 1980. Establishing its name led directly to the founding of The Meconopsis Group in 1998. A "near-miss" in the AGM trial. *GSG, MG1. Notable features:* Very similar to 'Dalemain', 'Susan's Reward', and 'Huntfield', but a little more elegant and less robust-looking. *Flowers:* Ovate, rounded, broadly overlapping petals, either pure blue or blue tinged with mauve. *Emerging leaves:* Broad, suffused with a red-purple pigment and covered densely with short hairs. *Mature leaves:* Broadly elliptic resulting in a handsome leafy plant. The leaves are slightly more rounded at the apex than in other GSG cultivars, and the teeth on the margins are more regular. *Fruit capsule:* Ellipsoid body, clothed densely with short bristles, style moderately long and stigma moderately prominent. *Flowering season:* Late season. *Compare:* 'Dalemain', 'Huntfield', 'Susan's Reward' and others. *Availability and cultivation:* Specialist nurseries; sterile, readily propagated by division.