

Section C: *Meconopsis* Infertile Blue Group

This Group is much more disparate than the George Sherriff Group as it includes all the infertile hybrids not considered to be within the George Sherriff Group. It also excludes the white petalled hybrids that are considered separately.

The most important feature of the Infertile Blue Group is that these hybrid cultivars are by and large sterile and do not produce fruit capsules filled with viable seeds. This is in contrast to the species and the now well-known fully fertile cultivar ‘Lingholm’ (Fertile Blue Group), both of which reliably produce fruit capsules filled with viable seeds. Some

members of Infertile Blue Group do, in fact, regularly produce a limited number of viable seeds; others only occasionally do so, but do not produce fruit capsules filled to the capacity expected if fully fertile. Several contrasting members of Infertile Blue Group are illustrated on this page.



Photographs on this page and opposite:

- 1) *M.* ‘Houndwood’
- 2) *M.* ‘Cameron Carmichael’
- 3) *M.* ‘James Aitken’
- 4) *M.* ‘Ardcuil’
- 5) *M.* ‘Slieve Donard’
- 6) *M.* ‘Mrs Jebb’
- 7) *M.* ‘Blue Butterfly’
- 8) *M.* ‘Evelyn’

