



30 *Meconopsis* 'Crewdson Hybrid' (AM)^Δ

Background: In 1939 Cicely Crewdson found that *M. grandis* had crossed with *M. betonicifolia* (now *baileyi*) in her garden to produce a fine plant that became known as "Crewdson hybrid". Originally apparently fertile, it later became sterile. Until relatively recently, seeds wrongly named "Crewdson hybrids" were being distributed by seed companies and seed exchanges. *IBG, MG15.*

Notable features: *Flowers:* Pure deep blue, open frilly cup-shaped. *Emerging leaves:* Suffused with some red-purple pigment, but also possess a brownish tinge, tapering towards the tip. *Mature leaves:* Neat narrow-elliptic leaf blades, margins with shallow, crenate-serrate teeth, taper towards the tip. *Fruit capsule:* Capsule body ellipsoid, densely covered with short bristles, short style, merging with rounded stigma. **Flowering season:** Mid-season. **Compare:** 'Mrs Jebb'. **Availability and cultivation:** Specialist nurseries; sterile, readily increased by division.