



SABG

Noticeboard

- Colin Sykes will be closing his **joint order for seeds and bulbs to Gordon Summerfield**, described below, on **20 November**, and will not be able to accept any additional orders after that date. *[15 November 2021]*
- The **Ephemeral Seed Exchange 2021** is now open for requests. If you are interested, please send an email (or letter) to Jon Evans, following the instructions in the list, by the deadline of Thursday **25 November**. *[14 November 2021]*
- SABG member Colin Sykes is coordinating a **joint order for seeds and bulbs to Gordon Summerfield**, so as to spread the cost of the necessary phytosanitary certificate and international postage over several members. If you are interested, let me know and I will forward your email to Colin. *[5 November 2021]*
- **Newsletter no. 45** (September 2021) is now available. *[16 September 2021]*
- The SABG meeting planned for **Sunday 3 October: Autumn 2021 meeting (Winchester)** has regrettably been **cancelled**. *[7 September 2021]*

News

- I've just discovered and added the *Bulbinella* book by Pauline L. Perry (1999) **Bulbinella in South Africa** (*Strelitzia* **8**, 78 pp.) to our [Digital library](#) page. Although Bulbinellas are not strictly bulbs, they are geophytes (with a "compact corm-like structure") and form a conspicuous element of the flora in many areas of South Africa where true bulbs grow. I'd be interested if anyone has experience with growing them in cultivation in the UK or other areas with similar climate. *[1 November 2021]*
- I've added Paul Lewis's web-site to our page of [Links to other web sites](#): don't forget to click on "BLOG" at the top of his home page (<https://www.paullewis-plantbreeder.co.uk/>) to see

his results breeding *Crocasmia* and *Gladiolus*. It's not a selling page, but you can contact him through the form on his "ABOUT" page to ask how to acquire his plants. [18 October 2021]

- I've added a page on [How to grow South African bulbs](#). Please let me know of any further sources of similar information. [10 September 2021]
- [Older news items](#)



SABG Members: are you receiving our emails?

The following emails were sent recently to all SABG members whose email addresses we have. If you are a member and didn't receive any of them, please email Richard White (see "[Contacts](#)" on this page). (If you're not a member and are interested in what we do, see our pages [About the SABG](#) and [How to join the SABG](#).)

- 2021 Ephemeral Seed Exchange: Jon's list and instructions for making requests (14 November 2021)
- Joint order to Gordon Summerfield for seeds and bulbs (to UK members only, 5 November 2021)
- Newsletter no. 45 (two or three emails, 18 September 2021)
- SABG meeting on 3rd October 2021 cancelled (7 September)

Remember that reasons for not receiving our emails include the following:

- You haven't notified us of a change of email address (tell me now!)
- We've made a mistake (these things happen, but tell me anyway!)
- Your inbox is full or your total email quota has been exceeded (download and delete old emails!)
- Your email provider classifies some of our emails as "spam" (look in your "Spam" or "Junk" folder and mark our emails as "not spam"!)

Autumn 2021 meeting (Winchester)

The [next meeting](#) planned for Sunday 3rd October 2021 has been **cancelled**. We had re-booked Chris Burchall to do the talk that he was to have given in October 2019 before we had to cancel, "Rhodohypoxis - Growing, Showing and Natural Environs". *The remaining details on this page can now be read as referring to our next meeting in Spring (March or April) 2022.* [Directions to the meeting hall](#). The doors will open at 10.00, and the meeting will close at about 14.30.

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More details of our meetings, including directions for getting there, are given on the [meetings page](#).

Other meetings

- Saturday 16 October 2021: *Nerine* visit day
- Saturday in March 2022: *Lachenalia* visit day
- both organised by the [Nerine and Amaryllid Society](#) at the Five Arrows Gallery, Exbury Gardens, Exbury, Southampton SO45 1AX, subject to whatever restrictions are in place at the time, by kind invitation of Nicholas de Rothschild and Theo Herselman. These events are ONLY open for NAAS members; see the [NAAS events page](#), and please inform Theo or the NAAS Secretary Alison Corley alison.corley@btinternet.com if you wish to attend.

Further information

- More information about our meetings, the location and directions are shown on our [About our meetings](#).
- [More information](#) about the Group
- [How to join the SABG](#)
- We have a Google [Calendar](#), so you can add our events to your phone or other device.
- A list of our [Past, present and future meetings](#)
- [Links to other web sites](#) including suppliers of bulbs and seeds
- We have started a [Digital library](#)

Latest newsletters

- The latest newsletter is
number 45
(September 2021). You can read or download all the SABG newsletters from our list of

[Newsletters.](#)

Photo gallery

I plan to include a photo gallery here. Until it is ready, why not visit [Audrey Cain's BulbWeb](#)? Her website, now hosted by the SABG, contains over 1,400 photographs of plants in 175 genera (not all of them are South African).

About the Group

The SABG is based in the UK and is for anyone interested in growing the beautiful and diverse bulbous plants of South Africa and neighbouring countries. You do not need to be an expert (I'm not!) or live in the UK, but our meetings have all been in England so far.

The objective of the Southern African Bulb Group is to further the understanding of the cultivation of Southern African bulbs, where 'bulbs' is used in the broad sense to encompass bulb-, corm- and tuber- possessing Southern African plants, which are mostly 'monocots' (plants with strap-like leaves and flower parts in threes or sixes) but also including 'dicots' (with broad leaves and frequently five-petalled flowers) such as *Oxalis*.

Our activities include two meetings per year with talks and plant sales (recently these have been in Winchester in southern England), an annual bulb and seed exchange, and a newsletter with three or four issues per year.

Many of these plants come from the former Cape Province of South Africa, now the Northern, Western and Eastern Cape Provinces, and are easy to grow in a cool greenhouse or a sunny conservatory or window sill. They usually provide colourful flowers in autumn and winter and need a dry period in summer, because they are mostly winter growers from the winter rainfall areas of South Africa. Some are summer growers and a few of these will grow outside in southern or sheltered parts of the UK, such as *Agapanthus*, some *Nerines* and *Tulbaghias*, etc. Others, like *Lachenalia*, are real jewels to brighten up your conservatory when not much else is in flower.

- [More about the SABG](#)
- [About the SABG web site](#)

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Contacts

- To join the group, or to enquire about joining, email Rodney Sims rodney.sims@tiscali.co.uk. See [How to join the SABG](#).
- To enquire about the newsletter or web site, to send suggestions for additions and improvements, or to submit items for inclusion, email Richard White richard@sabg.tk.

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