

The Scottish Rock Garden Club
The Alpine Garden Society
Farrer Medal - Hexham Show 2025
Corydalis sewerzowii
Exhibited by Peter Hood



Corydalis sewerzowii is one of the most attractive of all *Corydalis* species. It is native to the central Asia countries of Tadjikistan, Kirgistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan where according to the map on the Kew web site it has a wide distribution. It grows on steep slopes of mountain foothills. It is a semi desert plant. Once known in 1972 as *Pistolochia sewerzowii* and before then in 1891 as *Capnoides sewerzowii*. It is a spring melt plant in the wild. Its habit is like the more often seen *C. popovii*. Both like a deep pot and tend to flower around the edges of its pot. Peter has done well to get such a uniformly balanced plant. It has a large corky tuber so it needs careful treatment in cultivation.



The flowers are a rich yellow but the spurs can vary from yellow through orange to red, brown.

In form it reminds me the plant grown by the late James Cobb, who showed it as *C. persica*. As such it won a Forrest medal.

I send congratulations to Peter on this well grown beautiful plant. I hope it will encourage more of us to grow *Corydalis*.

