

The Scottish Rock Garden Club Farrer Medal Ponteland 2016 Cyclamen maritimum—Turkish Form Shown by Bob & Rannveig Wallis



Bob & Rannveig scattered fabulous pans of *Cyclamen graecum* forms throughout the show. Each one was a confection of pink perfection [the white ones were white perfection as well!]. The judges must have had a difficult task when deciding which of their *graecums* [should that be *graeca*?] was the best. They chose this diminutive Turkish form of *Cyclamen maritimum*, with its leaves the size of green pennies. You can just see these leaves round the edge of the pot. *C. maritimum* was formerly known as *C. graecum* subsp. *anatolicum*. In 2014, Alastair Culham & Kalman Konyves sequenced DNA from 23 samples of *C. graecum* of known provenance, provided by the Cyclamen Society and determined that in the 'Cyclamen *graecum* Group' we should recognise two species, one of which has two subspecies. Thus we have *C. graecum* subsp. *graecum* and *C. graecum* subsp. *candidum* and newly recognised as a full species *C. maritimum* [the former *C. graecum* *anatolicum*]. I still find it difficult to distinguish them in my own collection. All hail to bob and Rannveig for correctly labelling their plants. Bob & Rannveig have won several Forrest & Farrer medals at this show over the past several years with their well presented pans of bulbs and Cyclamen. . Thank you both for your inspiration and for your continued support of our shows. Well done! Again!





Which of Bob and Rannveig's plants would you have chosen?



All from Bob and Rannveig, here are examples of the two species and two subspecies of the 'Cyclamen graecum Group'



There are different leaf patterns and flower colours in each species and subspecies. If you are not sure which you are growing just label them 'Cyclamen graecum'