

Farrer Medal Hexham 2009

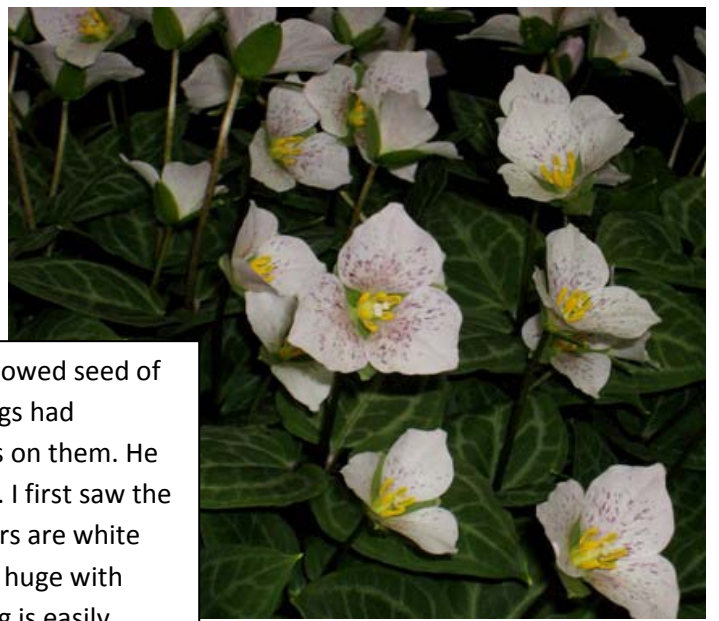


Trillium rivale

[reticulate veined form]

Exhibited by

Geoff Mawson



A champion plant does not just appear overnight. Geoff sowed seed of wild collected *Trillium rivale* in 1983. Some of the seedlings had interesting leaves. Geoff noticed that they had silver lines on them. He grew them on separately and in a few years they flowered. I first saw the seedlings several years ago at a Hexham show. The flowers are white with a light speckling of purple spots. This year the pan is huge with about 80 flowering shoots. The silver reticulate patterning is easily seen. It is this leaf pattern which raises this clone from super to superior.

Geoff and some of his friends have crossed this clone with others such as *Trillium rivale* 'Purple Heart' and have combined the reticulate leaves with purple spotted flowers.

This Farrer medal is a reward for observation, cultivation and dedication. Well done Geoff for noticing and raising this wonderful plant.

