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Bulb Log Diary

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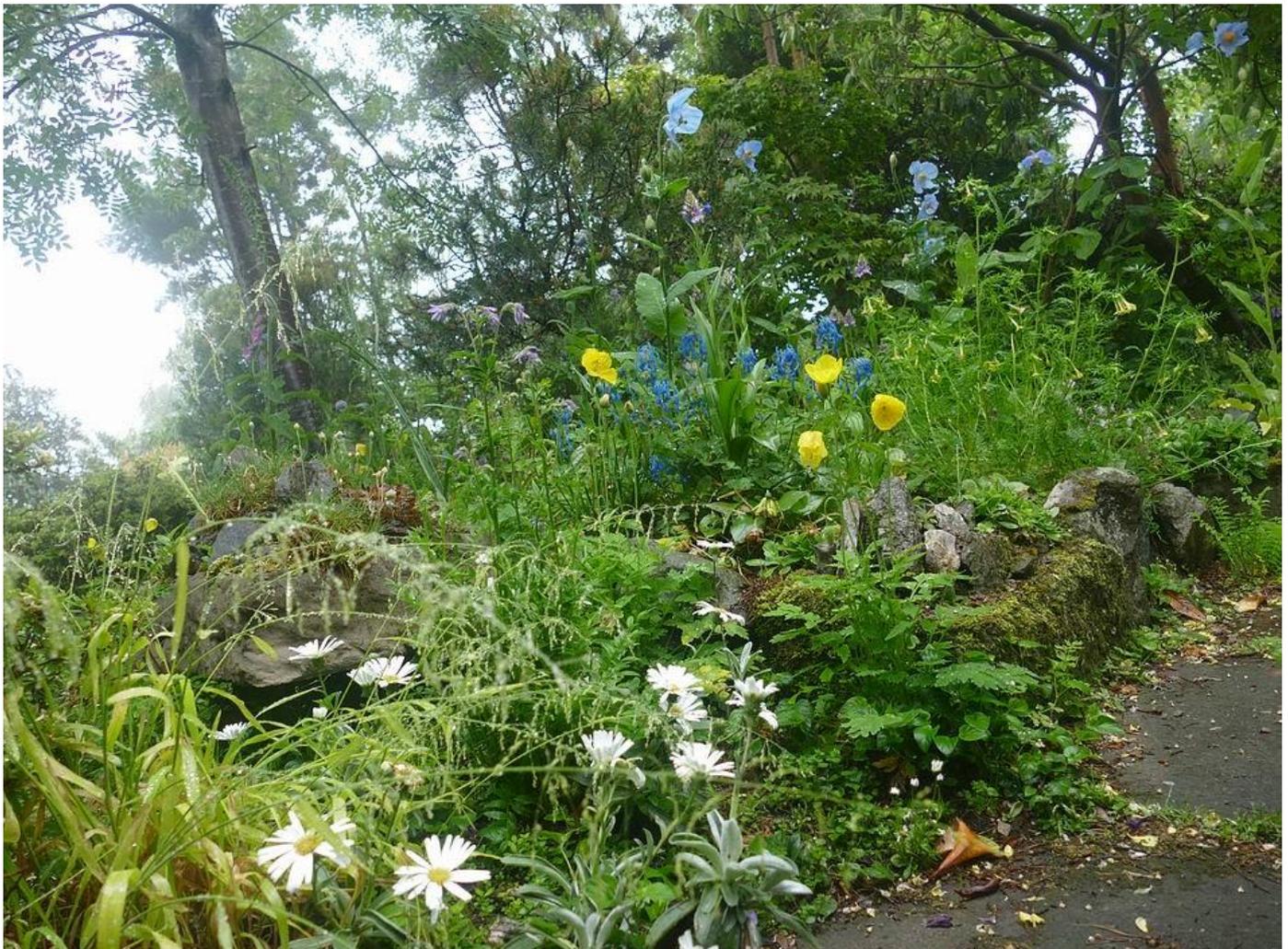
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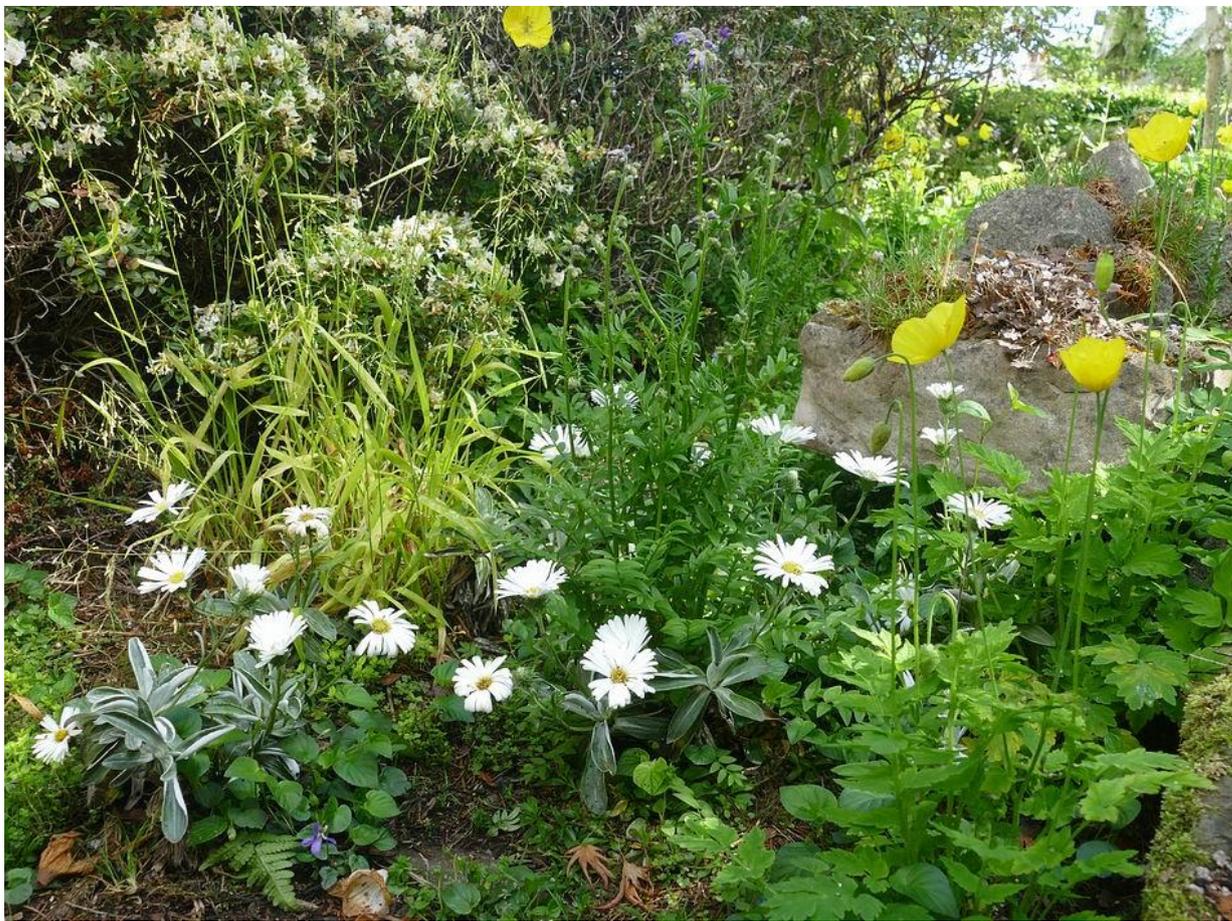
Meconopsis baileyi and *Corydalis mucronipetala*



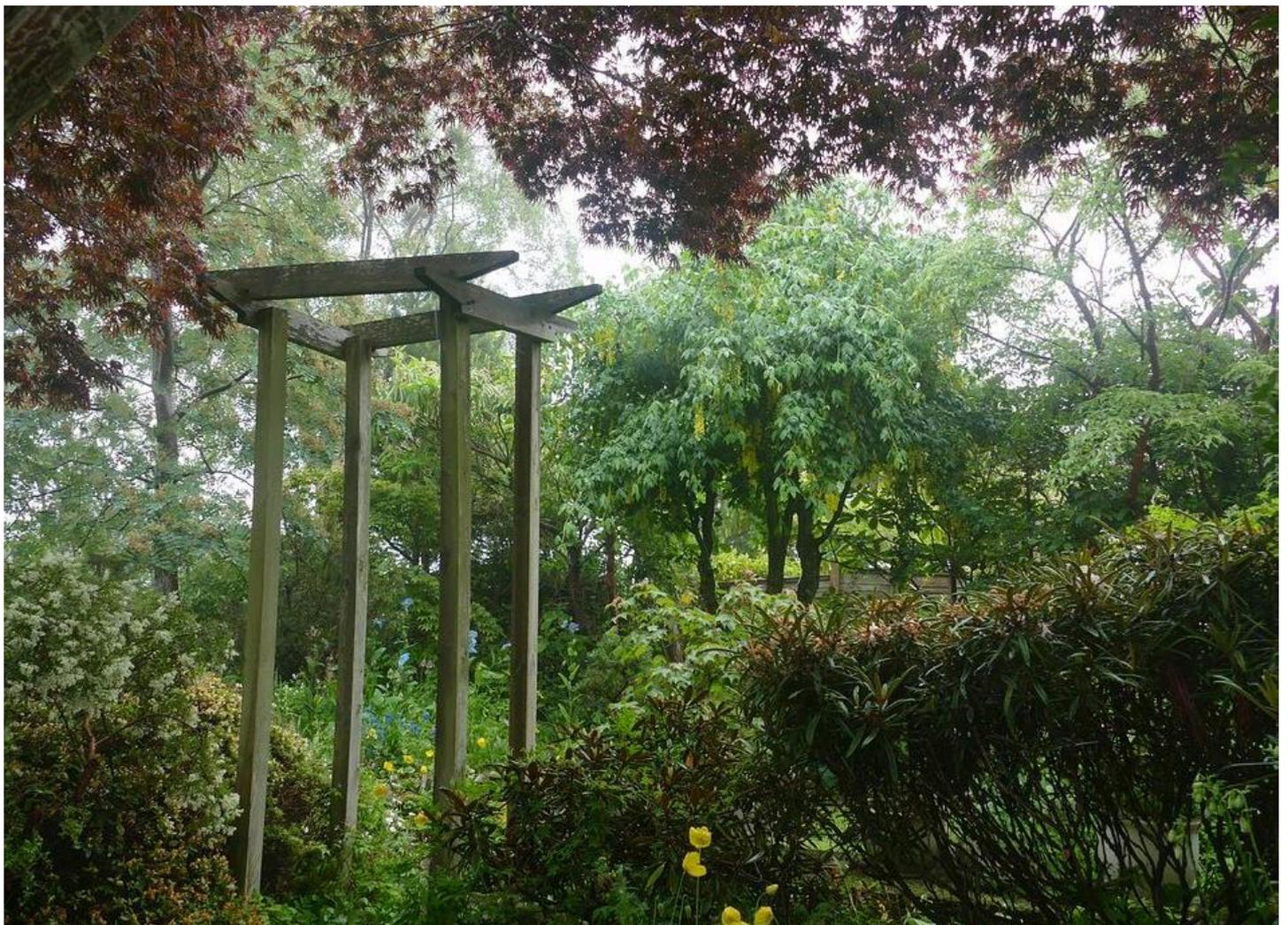
We planted out a number of *Corydalis mucronipetala* seedlings in this bed and now they are starting to seed.



Earlier in the season the flowering colour in the New Bed Beside the Pond was provided by smaller early flowering bulbs, now these have completed their seasons growth as just a few *Trillium hibbersonii* and *rivale* are still to shed their seed, the larger plants such as the *Meconopsis*, *Corydalis*, make use of the same space.



My interest in plants started when I was a boy in the wilderness of the Scottish mountains so it is not surprising that I encourage the garden to become wilder as I let nature take control with minimal intervention. I take great pleasure from wild moments like this combination of Celmisia, sprawling from where it was originally planted, being joined by a number of the plants that we allow to self-seed.



The majority of these pictures were taken in a thick haar (mist) which along with some rain is bringing a welcome relief to the garden. I have been worried about the effect of stress, caused by our unusual long dry spring, on the plants we grow but now they all look refreshed with moisture hanging thick on their leaves and at their roots.



We encourage all the bulbs to set seed as well as allowing their leaves to die down naturally so we can enjoy the colour change as they turn yellow on the ground, in contrast with the plants still in full fresh green growth.



Bowles' golden grass, *Milium effusum* 'Aureum', *Papaver cambricum*, and *Aquilegia vulgaris* now have their turn to take the limelight in our "time-share" garden.



The first flowers of **Corydalis 'Craigton Purple'** opened over a month ago and it is still going strong.



In the last few weeks the first of our **Corydalis 'Craigton Blue'** have also come into flower.



Pseudofumaria alba is another plant we welcome as it seeds around, thriving in harmony with the many other plants in either full sun or shade.



Cypripedium growing well behind the clump of **Pseudofumaria alba** shown above.



Paeonia woodwardii spreads out from the original planting of seedlings as we leave it to seed around.



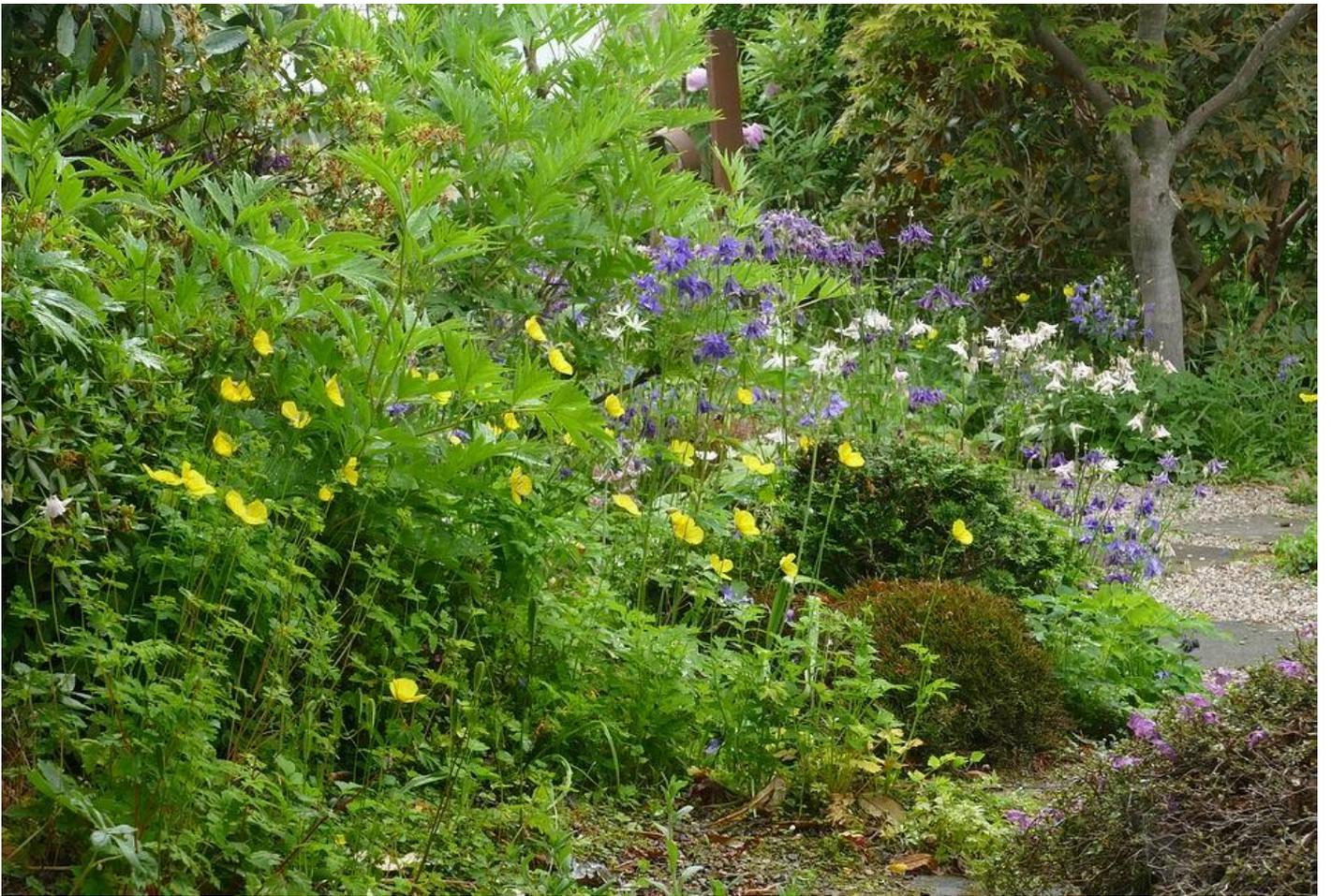
Paeonia woodwardii



Allowing nature to play a part in planting our garden results in many delightful impressions such as these **Papaver cambricum** flowers surrounded by a delicate haze of pale yellow **Thalictrum** flowers.



Aquilegia, **Papaver** and **Arisaema ciliatum var liubaense** have all seeded into the gravel.



My words are hardly necessary for you to enjoy the following impressions of the garden.





Paris sp. and *Fritillaria camschatensis* flowers grow better in the more typical cool moist, misty weather.





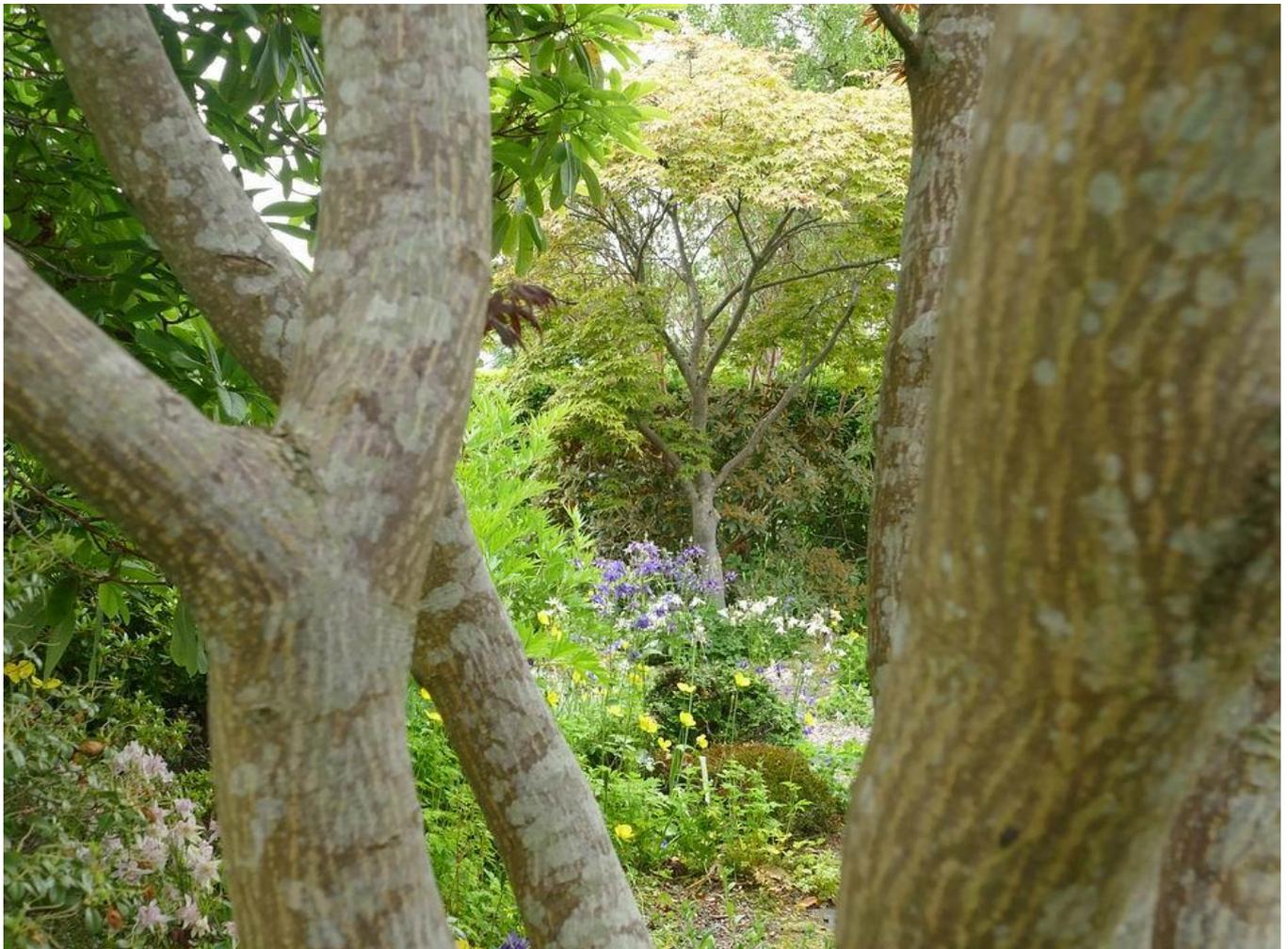
In addition to capturing these photographic images, which records a tiny fraction of a second, I have also been painting trying to express and create an impression of what it is like to be observing these vignettes in real time.



Click the link to see a 2.33 minute video - [Impressions from a garden](#) - showing a selection of the paintings I have been doing during lock down, along with a few of the images that inspired them.



Trees also form an important part of the garden landscape both visually and for the habitat they provide.





‘One misty moisty morning when cloudy was the weather, I chanced to meet an old man.....’



Weeds are all in the mind of the viewer.





If it was not for the international nature of the plants this could be a picture from the wild.





Allium sp. and *Cymbalaria muralis*





A cluster of **Rodgersia** flowers hover among a sea of green.



Acer palmatum and **Matteuccia struthiopteris** frame the misty view towards some blue **Meconopsis**.



This bed takes on many sequences starting early in the year with *Galanthis* and *Eranthis* growing through several combinations of plants- now it is the turn of *Arisaema ciliatum* var *liubaense*, *Corydalis capitata* and *C. mairei*.





A majestic **Digitalis purpurea** 'Alba' stands guard over the bulb bed.



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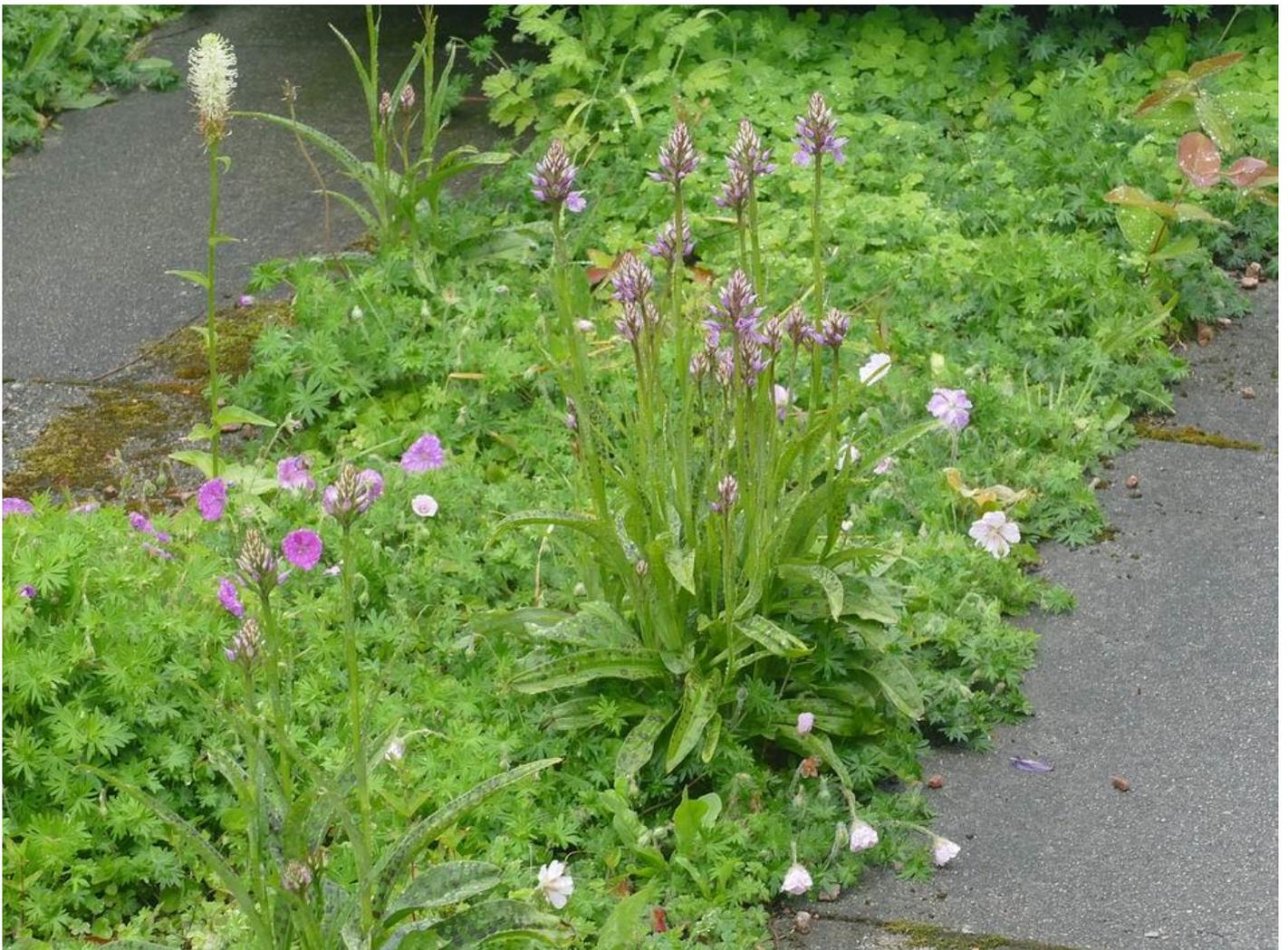


Meconopsis baileyi





Due to lock down my wee car has not moved for over three months allowing a few taller plants to grow in the drive.

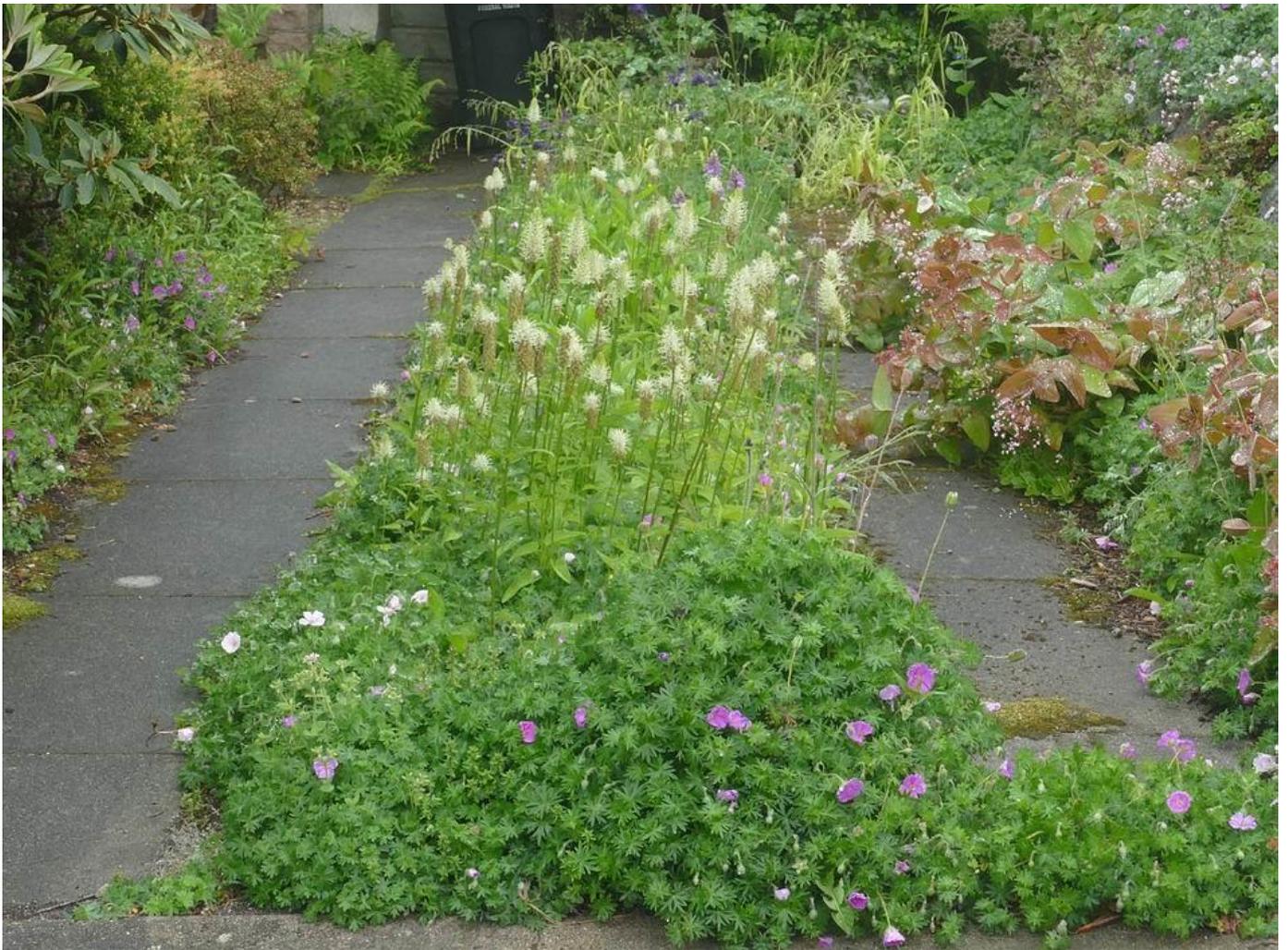




Pseudofumaria lutea and **Aciphylla glauca** stand out in this part of the front garden.



It could be in the wild but these **Phyteuma spicatum** are part of the sequential flowering in the other drive way.



Digitalis grandiflora is preparing to take over after the ***Phyteuma spicata*** - all this over a carpet of ***Geranium sanguineum*** and after the mass flowering of the bulbs earlier in the year.



Phyteuma spicatum

Click the [Bulb Log Video Diary Supplement](#) link to join me on a walk in the misty, wet, lush garden.....