

Plant of the Month, February 2021

Clematis napaulensis - by Hilary McKelvey



This 9ft plus rare and unusual Clematis was introduced in 1912 from seed collected in Yunnan by George Forrest. It was given the name *forrestii* until it was discovered that it had already been found and had been given the name *napaulensis*. It needs to be grown in a very sheltered site with full sun.

The flowers are a greenish cream with red stamens. It flowers from December onwards; as it goes dormant in summer it should be grown with a summer interest plant. We have it growing on the south facing house wall behind a large *Salvia fulgens*.