



## Alpine Garden Society Ulster Group

Plant of the Month, August 2020

### ***Eryngium bourgatii*** - by Joan McCaughey

*Eryngium bourgatii*, or Mediterranean Sea Holly, comes from the mountains of Spain, including the Pyrenees. The picture on the right was taken on our visit to the Picos de Europa in Northern Spain a couple of years ago, and the lower plant is currently in flower in one of the borders in our garden at home. It seems to be an easy plant, and is self-seeding happily into gravel and cracks. The parentage of this individual is a bit uncertain, but may go back to NARGS seed of "Picos Blue" sown a decade ago.

