

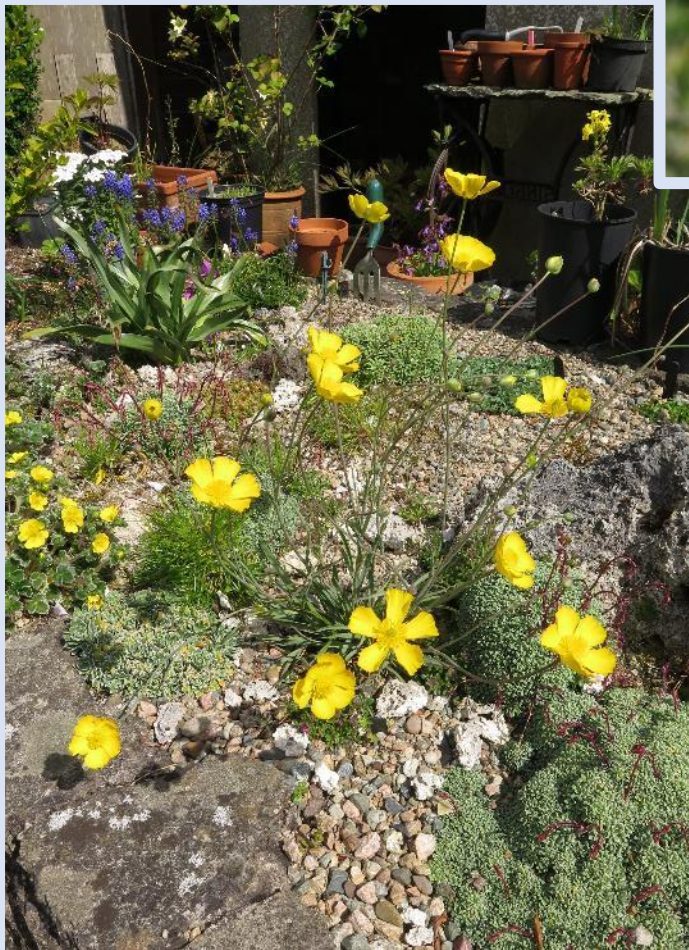


## Alpine Garden Society Ulster Group

Plant of the Month, June 2021

### **Ranunculus gramineus 'Pardal'** - by George Gordon

*Ranunculus gramineus* is a Mediterranean plant growing in southern Europe and north Africa. The variety "Pardal" was found in 1978 in the ravine of the headwaters of the Rio Guadalquivir between Sierra Cazorla and Sierra



de Segura by Alan Edwards. The story of its introduction was documented by Alan in *The Alpine Gardener* Vol 69 No 3 pp 300-302. It has flowers half as large again as normally found in *gramineus*.

I grew this plant from AGS seed sown in December 2012, and I see looking back that only one germinated.

I planted it out on a raised bed in 2014 and it has thrived there since, reliably producing its golden buttercup flowers in early spring. How fortunate I was that one survived!!