



Alpine Garden Society Ulster Group

Plant of the Month, June 2022

Scilla peruviana – by Joan and Liam McCaughey



Scilla peruviana is providing a bright spot in our garden just now. As is well known, it comes from the western Mediterranean, not Peru. Probably not named after a ship either ! Blame Clusius ((1526-1609) for the error, and Linnaeus for not checking his sources.

<https://calhortsociety.org/2019/03/28/whats-in-a-name-scilla-peruviana/>

In the wild, it likes sandy soil near the sea, and in the garden a well-drained soil is recommended – or a container. In our garden, it is in a relatively sheltered spot, and has happily survived the last half-dozen winters.