



MGF Assemblée Générale 2025 - Seed Collection and Library

There has been no significant change in seed orders for 2024, they remain stable. I hope that even more of you will order in the autumn, which is the best time for sowing. For the time being (I don't think this will last) we can still send seeds to the USA (apply to the USDA/APHIS), the UK and outside the EU, with the exception of Australia. But we can no longer receive seeds from non-EU countries without a phytosanitary certificate.

Despite these difficulties, our supply of seeds has risen to 480 different taxa and if we add the Index Seminum of Château Pérouse, we reach the more than honourable figure of 1255 different taxa. Once again, many thanks to Mr Vos and to our kind donors.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will be moving to a flat and will no longer have access to the seeds from my garden (over a hundred taxa). Having said that, I will still collect seeds from garden visits, with the permission of the owners. Please send me as many seeds as possible, in small quantities, as I can only keep fresh seeds and have to renew them every 3 years or so.

To send seeds, clean off their hulls, and place them in paper envelopes with their botanical names if possible, the year and place of harvest and post them to my current address. When the list is next updated in July 2025, my new address will be shown on our website.

The hit parade of seeds ordered in 2024 is:

<i>Teucrium flavum</i>	<i>Geranium tuberosum</i>
<i>Phlomis purpurea</i>	<i>Lavandula dentata</i>
<i>Romneya trichocalyx</i>	<i>Pelargonium fulgidum</i>
<i>Salvia multicaulis</i>	<i>Phlomis leucophracta</i>
<i>Caryopteris incana</i>	<i>Ptilostemon chamaepeuce</i>
<i>Catananche caerulea</i>	<i>Salvia spathacea</i>
<i>Geranium maderense</i>	

LIBRARY

If you'd like to borrow a book, send me an email and I'll bring it to you at the next outing. I advise you to check the website from time to time to see if we've added any new books.

Three new books were added in 2024:

- *Gardening in South Australia* published by the South Australia MGS
- *Faites pousser vos noyaux sans pépins* written by our social media manager, Lina Tchagaspanian
- *Le langage silencieux des plantes* by Yvan Kraepiel and Sylvain Raffaele

If you have borrowed any books, you can return them to me at our next AGM. I'll also be bringing around twenty old books to give as gifts. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Chantal Guiraud - Seed exchange and librarian