

Plant Heritage Threatened Plant of the Year 2020

There will be a virtual award in August 2020

with the plant shown at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2021



The colourful *Chrysanthemum* 'Spartan Linnet' has been identified as 'Threatened in Cultivation' from research within our Threatened Plants Programme and is nurtured by one of our Plant Guardians. It could be entered as a 'threatened plant'.

Image of *Chrysanthemum* 'Spartan Linnet' copyright C Dawson.

At Plant Heritage we are keen to showcase rare and unusual plants, and we have the perfect opportunity for you to highlight your own threatened plant in our new 'Threatened Plant of the Year' competition. This will be a virtual competition and award in 2020 with the winning plant on display at at RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival 2021.

Could you receive the first Threatened Plant of the Year trophy?

If you have a named, garden-worthy cultivar grown or sold before 2005 in the UK or Ireland that is not currently available commercially or not consistently available through commercial sources, it may be eligible for the Threatened Plant of the Year competition.

Applications, including a photo of the plant, will be submitted to Plant Heritage by an online form which will be available on our new website from 1st February 2020. Paper applications will also be accepted. We would love to hear about the history of your plant too.

The process:

- application form will be available on the Plant Heritage website from 1st February 2020
- applications to be submitted by 29 April 2020 – now extended to **26 June 2020**
- all applications will be checked for eligibility against our Threatened Plants Programme data for eligibility, and reviewed by a panel of both RHS and Plant Heritage representatives
- applicants will be notified that their entry is eligible by Friday 10 July 2020
- judging will then take place with the winner being notified by the 4th August 2020

We would be delighted to see as many entrants as possible. Applications are open to all National Collection Holders, Plant Guardians, members of Plant Heritage, Plant Societies and Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival exhibitors.

We look forward to receiving your applications and to hearing about your threatened plants. If you have any queries please get in touch through info@plantheritage.org.uk.