

Hepatica nobilis var. *insularis*

Korean liverwort

I received this variety of liverwort from Korea in 1995 to see how it would grow in our conditions. At first I was surprised how many flowers this little plant had. The leaves had disappeared during the winter and I thought "that's it"! But not so, the plants continued to grow very well and delighted me every year with more and more blooms. The color palette was limited to white with white anthers or white with pink anthers, the same could be observed in pink. Bluish tones were completely missing, only after about 10 years I got the first bluish flower in my offspring. I was very pleased! The extreme thing about spring sowing shoots in this variety is that they first send the sea of flowers ahead and then slowly follow up with the strongly persistent leaves. In my plant population, 98% of all leaves are marbled, no two marbling patterns are alike, it is really fun to look at these leaves. The observation also showed a strong autumn coloration of the leaves, up to the bright yellow. The strong pubescence of the leaves is striking. I think that it is due to the heavy monsoon rains in their homeland, so to speak, a rain and evaporation protection. The flowers are small; 1 - 1,5 cm, mostly with narrow petals. One is compensated by the abundance of flowers they produce. I think it is worth to take a closer look at this variety and include it in breeding.



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