

Diary of a breeding:

In 1999 Mrs. M. Ahlburg gave me her breeding diary for publication in my Hepatica catalog. I would like to make up for it now, I think it fits better to the tema in this book.

H. x media AG 009/1 (euro-asiatica/euroasiatica)

Name: `Röttgersbütler Röschen`

1992/2003 Cross H.n. var. Jap. `Tenjinbai` + H. trans. Blue o.a. forms, straight strobing

12.04.1994 Isolated in a pot of 5 and placed together in the shadow cabinet.

19.05.1994 Provided with pot flower fertilizer

12.12.1994 Since September she is in the cold house. All windows are open, but at night the skylights are closed and the fans are running. The side windows are half open. The temperature in the cold house is still above 0°.

One bud already has a stem about 10 cm long and the first crown leaflet is spreading. So far it looks like it's going to be a small flower, gray on the outside with very thin, dark blue edges. Inside, the petals appear to have a purplish blue edge and a whitish base and center. The inner pedals are still very short, there is nothing else to see yet. A bit of red shines through between the whitish inner surface and the dark purple edge.

30.12.1994 It is warm, about 13 ° C and quite humid. The flower has opened wide. It is as I suspected: petals white in the center and at the base, edged with medium violet-blue, margin about 2.5 mm wide. Anthers white, filaments likewise. Green pistils dark tipped, probably an inheritance from the mother plant. The father plant could be a blue H. transsilvanica. The flower has only few stamens and pistils. The blue margin is blurred. Since all hepatica flowers, which are already open now, are usually paler colored than those which open in late spring, it is possible that this flower is also darker colored, with a dark blue margin..

08.05.1995 The female and male flower parts were very poorly developed, probably both sterile.
Autumn 1995 Planted under the Liriodendron.



H. transsilvanica



H. nob. v. pubescens`
`Tenjinbai`



15.04.1996 Blooms in the garden darker than the previous year. The petal backs have a distinctive reddish center, the blue edge is dark, inside the petal center is white. The plant is hardy.

22.11.1996 Collected

05.03.1997 Flowering, but with smaller flowers than last year. Is it still growing? It is only pastel colored this year with blue-violet edges.

25.03.1997 The flowers are still growing a little, are now very delicate blue-purple edges, about three mm wide. Pretty!

09.04.1997 High bloom! Very tender and pretty, from the `Tenjinbai` seedlings the most vigorous.

25.07.1997 leaves marbled, fresh, good foliage.

25.10.1997 Leaves moved in for a long time.

19.03.1998 High bloom! Leaves new, half high. 16 flowers, 6 petals, color see above - very pretty! Geong took photos. Flower diameter about 3.3 mm, flower star-shaped, pistil and dust sterile, light cream-green. Pedicel green, 11 cm long. Leaves weakly marbled above, hairy below.

27.03.1999 Divided into 4 parts last year. All four are blooming this year with beautiful, large flowers. Edge strong violet blue.

02.04.1999 Have 14 flowers together and the leaves are coming. September 1999 potted (mice), Three divided

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