

DEXTER RHODODENRONS:
A GUIDE

DEXTER STUDY GROUP
SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN RHODODENRON SOCIETY

PREFACE

Let it be said at the outset that what follows is only a guide to a few of the many Dexter rhododendrons. It is the hope of the Dexter Study Group that this is the first installment to a more complete listing of all Dexter rhododendrons.

Much of the information contained in this listing was taken directly from the ARS registration form for each cultivar. Other information contained in this listing was obtained from individuals who have personal experience in growing the various cultivars. In some cases the information contained in the ARS registration form was changed to more closely represent the findings of growers in the Southeast. The areas where changes most often occurred were in plant and flower ratings, hardiness ratings, and ease or difficulty of propagation.

As was stated at the outset, this listing is intended to be a guide. It is the hope of the Dexter Study Group that this listing will stimulate all growers to more closely evaluate their own collection of Dexters, with subsequent updating of this listing, thereby making it a more valuable tool for everyone.

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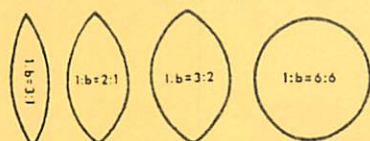
KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

- ARH : American Rhododendron Hybrids: edited by Meldon Kraxberger, 1980,
published by the American Rhododendron Society (ARS)
- ARS-QB : American Rhododendron Society-Quarterly Bulletin
- B.D. : Brown Dexter
- BPPM : Ben P. P. Moseley
- DE : Dexter Estate
- H&H : Hybrids and Hybridizers: edited by P. A. Livingston and Franklin H.
West; 1978; Harrowood Books
- H.P. : Heritage Plantation
- HS : Halesite, Long Island, New York; home of Dorothy Schlaikjer
- NYBG : New York Botanical Gardens
- R : "Rhododendrons 1956"; published by the ARS
- RFYG : "Rhododendrons For Your Garden"; 1961; published by the ARS
- RI : "Rhododendron Information"; 1967; published by the ARS
- SPN : "Swarthmore Plant Notes"; Third Edition; 1955-1956, Volume 1,
Part Two: Trees, Shrubs and Vines
- Sw : Swarthmore College
- The Dexter Estate Its Gardens and Gardeners: by Eveleth C. Cowles, 1980;
a Rosebay Publication (Massachusetts Chapter, ARS)

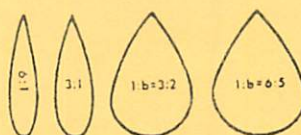
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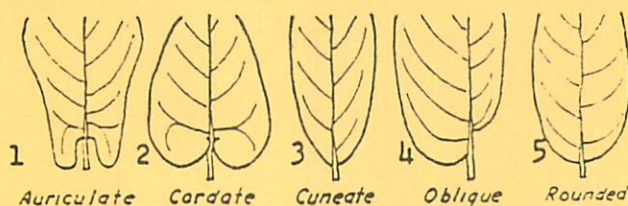
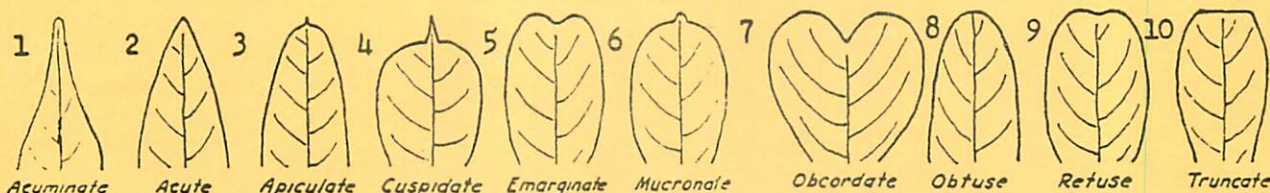
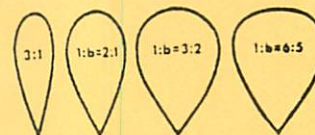
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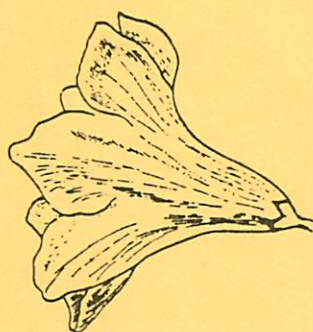
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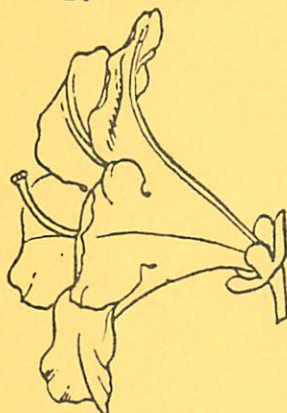
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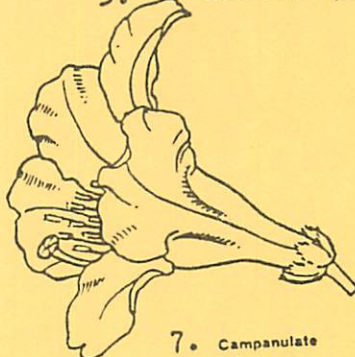
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2. Openly funnel-shaped



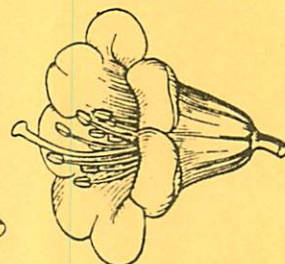
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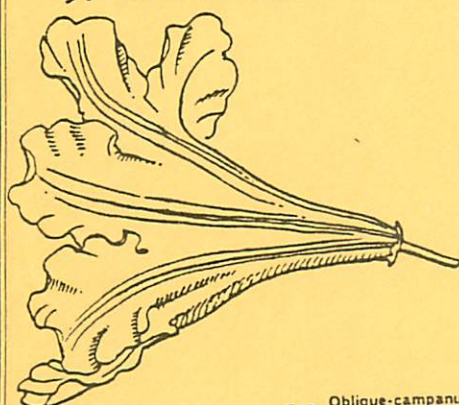
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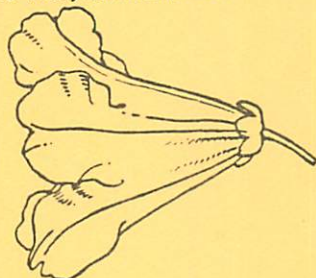
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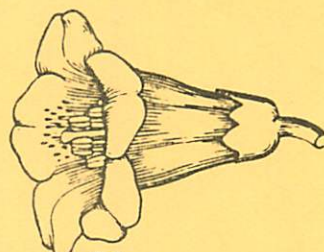
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6. Widely funnel-campanulate



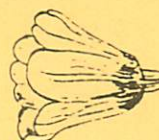
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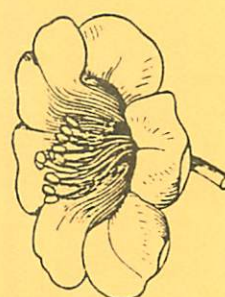
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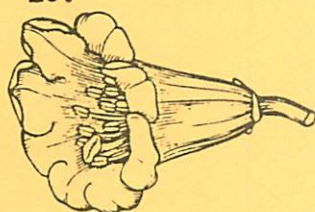
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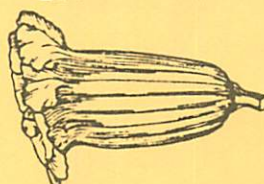
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10. Oblique-campanulate



11. Ventricose-campanulate



9. Rotate-campanulate



ACCLAIM (4/4)

(Sw 12507-12)

(Pygmalion X R. haematodes) X Wellfleet (Dexter No. 8)

- Plant - 8'x 7' (18 years), rounded, young plants open, branches well with age, hardy to at least -5°F.
- Leaves - 4½-5"x 2-2½", elliptic, flat, tips apiculate to slightly mucronate, base is rounded, glabrous, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 6"x 6", ball-shaped, 16 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 4"x 2", openly funnel shaped, 7 lobes, wavy, red (red purple group), oblong deep red stipples over the flower, paler on the lower lobes, small deep red eye at the heart of the flower; 10-14 straight, uneven stamens; flowers of good substance, blooms mid-season.

Propagation- difficult, take cuttings early, (mid June in Asheville, NC)

Selected from a group of 20 unbloomed seedlings purchased from Mrs. C. O. Dexter (Shawme Farm) in 1943 by Mrs. Arthur Hoyt Scott of Media, PA for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College. Named by Dr. John C. Wister, described by Gertrude S. Wister and registered by the John J. Tyler Arboretum (Jan. 28, 1980).

"This is the outstanding red at the Tyler Arboretum"(H & H, page 19)

One of the 35 best Dexters as selected by John Wister and Heman Howard (Spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 28, #2, p. 113, 1974
vol. 34, #1, p. 41, 1980

ACCOMAC (3/3)

(Sw 12507-1)

(Pygmalion X R. haematodes) X Wellfleet (Dexter No. 8)

- Plant - 6½' x 7' (20 years), rounded, somewhat open, branching moderately, hardy to at least -5°F.
- Leaves - 4½" x 2½", elliptic, concave, tip is apiculate, base is cuneate to rounded, glabrous, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 4" x 4½", ball shaped, 14 flowers, average floriferousness.
- Flower - 2½" x 2", openly funnel shaped, 6-7 lobes, wavy, red (red purple group), spotting on 3 upper lobes (red purple) to very dark in the center; 11 curved, uneven stamens, blooms mid season. Not a very clear red as described in H & H, page 19. Has too much purple to be called a clear red.

Propagation- average

Selected from a group of 20 unbloomed seedlings purchased from Mrs. C. O. Dexter (SW 12507 series) in 1943 by Mrs. Arthur Hoyt Scott of Media, Pa. for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College. Named by Dr. John C. Wister, described by Gertrude S. Wister and registered by the John J. Tyler Arboretum (Jan. 28, 1980).

One of the 35 best Dexters as selected by John Wister and Heman Howard (Spring 1975).

"A very clear red, slightly different from Acclaim and the earliest of the set (12507 set) to bloom....usually four or 5 days before Acclaim. It is not as vigorous, as tall, or as shapely a grower as Acclaim. It may be a touch less hardy." Hybrids and Hybridizers, page 19.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 28, #2, p. 113 (1974)
vol. 34, #1, p. 41 (1980)

Accomplishment (4/4)

12507 - 14

(Pygmalion X Rh. haematodes) X Wellfleet (Dexter #8)

- Plant - Rounded, 10' x 10' in 18 years. Moderately branched, hardy to 0 degrees.
- Leaves - 5 1/2" by 2 1/4", held two years. Elliptical, flat with some wavy edges, apiculate, cuneate to almost rounded. Glabrous, almost glossy. Dark green group 147A. very distinctive.
- Truss - Ball shaped, Slightly open at top. 4 1/2 X 5 inches with 15 Flowers
- Flower - 3 1/4 across by 2" long. 5-7 wavy lobes. 1/2" wide strong purplish red margin with the rest of the flower white to yellow-orange, creating a star effect.
- Propagation - average

Cross (before 1943) by Charles O Dexter. Raised and introduced ± 1950 by Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation. Named by John J. Wister and described by Gertrude Wister. Introduced by Tyler Arboretum.

Ref. ARS QB vol. 39 no.3

Hybrids and Hybridizers p.14

"A reliable Flower Show winner on an outstanding plant with good features year round"

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Hybrids and Hybridizers p. 14

Ref. ARS 08 vol. 39 no. 3

Tyler Arboretum.
John U. Wister and described by Gertrude Wister. Introduced by
± 1950 by Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation. Named by
Cross (before 1943) by Charles O. Dexter. Raised and introduced

Propagation - average

Flower - 3 1/4 across by 2 1/2 long 5-7 wavy lobes. 1 1/2" wide strong
purplish red margin with the rest of the flower white to yellow-
orange, creating a star effect.

Truss - Ball shaped, slightly open at top. 4 1/2 X 5 inches with 12 flowers

Leaves - 2 1/2" by 2 1/4", held two years. Elliptical, flat with some wavy
edges, apiculate, cuneate to almost rounded. Glabrous, almost glossy.
Dark green group 147A very distinctive

Plant - Rounded, 10' x 10' in 18 years. Moderately branched, hardy to
0 degrees.

(Pyramidal X Rh. haematoxylon) X Welfleet (Dexter #8)

12507 - 14

Accomplishment (4/4)

ARONIMINK (4/3)

(Sw 12507-3)

(Pygmalion X R. haematodes) X Wellfleet (Dexter #8)

- Plant - 8'x 8' (16 years), upright, branches moderately, decumbent, -5°F.
- Leaves - 4½-6"x 2-2½", elliptic, flat, tip is apiculate, base is cuneate, glabrous, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 7"x 8½", ball-shaped, 20 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 4"x 4", openly funnel-shaped, 5 lobes, wavy, bright purplish red, two solid flares on upper lobes (deep purplish red) with smaller flares on lower lobes, paler, browner spotting on upper lobe; 10 straight uneven stamens; blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

Plant was named and introduced by Arthur H. Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore college which purchased the plant as a seedling from Mrs. C. O. Dexter (August 1945). Registered by Gertrude S. Wister (January 28, 1980).

"very open, leggy...great red flower" H. Racoff

"Paul Vossburg judged Avondale and Aronimink the hardiest and finest (of the 12507 series)" DE p. 18

One of the 35 best Dexter's as selected by J. Wister and H. Howard (Spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #1, p. 42 (1980)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (2/3)

(Ross AAA)

(Reputedly a hybrid of the Fortunei subseries)

- Plant - 10'x 9' (20 years), upright, branching well, hardy to at least -10°F.
- Leaves - 5"x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", lanceolate to narrowly elliptic, obtuse, cuneate, flat, glabrous; leaves held two years.
- Truss - 4"x 5", ball-shaped, 16 flowers, free flowering.
- Flower - 2"x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", openly funnel-shaped, 7 lobes, wavy, light purplish pink (pale pink) with no markings; 14 straight uneven stamens, blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

Plant is one of a group of nearly a hundred unlabelled 3 to 4 foot specimen plants sold about 1950 or 1951 by the owners of the Dexter Estate to a New York landscape contractor who dug them and resold them to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Ross of Brewster, New York. William Efinger and Edmond Amateis tagged the plant Ross AAA. Introduced by William Efinger in 1959. Plant named and registered (April 22, 1980) by the John J. Tyler Arboretum, Lima, PA. Described by Gertrude S. Wister.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #2, p. 115 (1980)

H&H p. 19

AVONDALE (4/4)

(Sw 12507-6)

(Pygmalion X R. haematodes) X Wellfleet (Dexter #8)

Plant - 7'x 7' (20 years), upright, branches well, -5°F.

Leaves - 4-5¼"x 1½-2", narrowly elliptic, flat, tip is apiculate, base is cuneate, glabrous, leaves held two years.

Truss - 5"x 4", ball-shaped, 14 flowers.

Flower - 3"x 2", widely funnel-campanulate, 5 lobes wavy, heavy substance, bright red, black spotting on upper lobe, slight fragrance, 10 straight, uneven stamens, blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

Plant raised by the Arthur H. Scott Horticultural Foundation which purchased the plant as a seedling from Mrs. C. O. Dexter (August 1945). Named by John C. Wister. Introduced by the A. H. Scott Foundation. Registered by Gertrude S. Wister (Jan. 28, 1980).

"Holds color while flower dies"- SPN 3rd Ed., vol. 1, part II, p. 299

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #1, p. 42 (1980)

BARNSTABLE (4/3)

(Brown #1, B. D. #1)

- Plant - 10'x 10' (20 years), rounded, branches well, -5°F.
- Leaves - 5"x 2½", elliptic, flat to slightly wavy, tip is apiculate to mucronate, base is cuneate to slightly oblique, glabrous, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 7"x 7", ball-shaped, 10 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 4½"x 2½", widely funnel-shaped (some flowers open almost flat), 7 lobes, wavy, heavy substance, pale purplish pink paling to center, outside of corolla light olive green, spotting on 3 upper lobes and 2 rays at juncture of upper lobes- light olive green, fragrant, 7-10 very short, straight, uneven stamens; blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

This plant was a selection made by Col. Roy Brown who owned the Dexter Estate from 1946 to 1951. Named by J. Wister and H. Howard. Introduced by John J. Tyler Arboretum. Registered by Gertrude S. Wister (May 1980)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #4, p. 233 (1980)

BASS RIVER (4/4)

(Brown #14)

- Plant - 9'x 9' (20 years), upright, rounded, branches well, -5°F.
- Leaves - 5-5½"x 2¼-2½", elliptic, tip is acute, base is cuneate to rounded, glabrous, moderate olive green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 7"x 6", ball-shaped, 14 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 4"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 5-7 lobes, very wavy or frilled, medium purplish pink, spotting in top 3 lobes (large oblong flecks to ¼" long- light olive green), 10 curved, uneven stamen; blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

Plant named by John Wister and Heman Howard. Registered by John J. Tyler Arboretum. Introduced by A. H. Scott Hort. Foundation at Swarthmore College.

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"One of the best Dexter's growing at Tyler Arboretum"- M. Stilwell

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 36, #1, p. 31 (1982)

BEN MOSELEY (4/4)

(R. fortunei hybrid X ?)

(BPPM # 51-6 & 51-8)

Plant - 7'x 7' (20 years), rounded, branches well, heat tolerant, -5°F.

Leaves - 4"x 2½", elliptic, tip is mucronate, base is rounded to slightly cordate, glabrous, glossy, leaves held two years.

Truss - 6"x 8", ball-shaped, 12 flowers, very floriferous.

Flower - 4"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 6-7 lobes, wavy, medium purplish pink on flower edge for ½" paling to light purplish pink in center; deep reddish purple blotch on 3 upper lobes and spotting on upper part of upper lobes- merging into the blotch; 10-12 straight, uneven stamens, bloom early to mid-season.

Propagation- average

Mr. Benjamin Moseley received the plant as a layering from Mr. Dexter. Name registered by John J. Tyler Arboretum and introduced by Paul Vossberg.

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Ref: ARS-QB vol. 15, #2, p. 109 (1961)

vol. 21, #3, p. 146 (1967)

vol. 24, #1, p.27-28(1970)

vol. 28, #2, p. 113 (1974)

vol. 30, #1, p. 30 (1976)

vol. 34, #4, p. 233 (1980)

BETTY HUME (5/4)

(NYBG #165, NY #11)

- Plant - 8'x 10' (14 years), upright, broad, branches well (arching), -15°F.
- Leaves - 6-7"x 2¼", narrowly elliptic, convex, edges turn down very slightly, tip is apiculate, base is oblique, glabrous, leaves held 2-2½ years.
- Truss - 7½"x 7", conical, 12 flowers.
- Flowers - 3¼"x 2¼", openly funnel-shaped, 5 lobes, wavy, deep purplish pink, olive green spotting in throat, fragrant, 12 curved, uneven stamens, blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

Plant was named and registered by Edmond Amateis in 1962.
Introduced by Warren Baldsiefen and William Efinger in 1962.
Plant obtained by Mr. Amateis as a layering from Mr. Politi, Supt. of NY Botanical Gardens. NYBG raised the plant from a seedling obtained from Mr. Dexter.

"Lovely pink...shy bloomer...good habit and foliage."-SPN 3rd Ed., vol. 1, part II, p. 294

One of the 35 best Dexter's as selected by J. Wister and H. Howard (spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 16, #2, p. 119 (1962)
vol. 21, #3, p. 131 (1967)
vol. 30, #1, p. 30 (1976)
ARH p. 44 (1980)

BRYANTVILLE (3/3)

(Brown #70, B.D. #7)

- Plant - 6'x 7' (20 years), rounded, branches well, -5°F.
- Leaves - $4\frac{3}{4}$ - $5\frac{3}{4}$ "x $1\frac{3}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{4}$ ", narrowly elliptic to elliptic, tip is apiculate, slightly wavy, base is cuneate to rounded, glabrous, glossy, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 6"x 7", ball-shaped, 16 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - $3\frac{1}{2}$ "x $2\frac{3}{4}$ ", openly funnel-shaped, 5 lobes, wavy, medium purplish pink; soft flecks or spotting(light olive green) converge near base, (inconspicuous), no flecks along midrib of upper lobe; 10 curved, uneven stamens; blooms mid-season.

Propagation- average

This plant was a selection made by Col. Roy Brown who owned the Dexter Estate from 1946 to 1951. Named by J. Wister and H. Howard. Introduced and registered by John J. Tyler Arboretum.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #4, p. 233 (1980)

BURGUNDY CHERRY (4/3)

(Black Cherry, Dexter #105)

- Plant - 5'x 5' in 15 years, broad, rounded, branches well, -12°F.
- Leaves - 5"x 2⁵/₈", elliptic, obtuse (with apiculus) tips, base is rounded to slightly cordate, glabrous, medium green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 5-6"x 4¹/₂-5", dome-shaped with 10 to 12 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 2¹/₄"x 2¹/₄", openly funnel-shaped, 5 wavy lobes, carmine, purple throat on upper lobe; 7 curved uneven stamen, blooms mid-season.

Propagation - average

Plant purchased (1958-1962) by D. Knippenburg as rooted cutting from Warren Baldsiefen who received plant as a seedling from Phipps Estate. Named, registered and introduced by D. Knippenburg.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 33, #4, p. 256 (1979)

ARH p. 50 (1980)

CHARLESTOWN (3/3)

(Everitt #7)

- Plant - 8'x 8' in 15 years, upright, broad, branches well, -5°F.
- Leaves - 6"x 2½", ovate lanceolate, tip is apiculate and base is oblique, glabrous, glossy, yellow green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 7-9"x 6-8", ball-shaped, flat on top with 10-16 flowers, fragrant.
- Flower - 3-4½"x 1¾"-2", openly funnel-shaped, 7 evenly rounded lobes; lavender pink, darker pink at edges with chartreuse yellow throat; 17 straight, uneven stamen, blooms early to mid-season.

Propagation - difficult

Seedling, from Dexter Estate, grown by Sam Everitt and Swarthmore College. Cutting raised and named in 1960 by Charles Herbert, Phoenixville, Pa. Registered by C. Herbert in 1975.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 30, #2, p. 114 (1976)

ARH p. 55 (1980)

DELICATE SPLENDOR

(Ross DD)

- Plant - 4'x 8' in 21 years, broad, -10°F.
- Leaves - 3"x 1½", elliptic, tip is mucronate and base is rounded, glabrous, moderate yellow green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 4½"x 3½", lax, with 7-10 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 3½"x 1½", openly funnel-shaped, 7 wavy lobes; light pink, wide lobe edging a strong pink fading to pale purplish pink (almost white) in central area of lobes, then to a pale orange yellow glow in throat, with two narrow brownish orange flares deep in throat at junctions of the three dorsal lobes, flares are inconspicuous with faint spotting to solid at base; 14 straight, uneven stamens, blooms early.

Propagation - average

Seedling raised by Dexter, grown by Mrs. Henry Ross. Introduced by William Efinger. Named and registered by the John J. Tyler Arboretum, Lima, Pa.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #4, p. 234 (1980)

DEXTER'S AGATHA

(Sw 12507-17)

[Pygmalion x R. haematodes X Wellfleet(Dexter #8)]

- Plant - 8'x 8' in 19 years, rounded, branches well, -5°F.
- Leaves - 5½"x 2½", elliptic, tip is apiculate, base is rounded, glabrous, moderate olive green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 7"x 6", ball-shaped, 10 flowers, very floriferous.
- Flower - 3"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 6-7 wavy lobes, red, upper lobe has sparse flecks of dark red, reverse or outside of corolla is dark red; 12 curved, uneven stamen; blooms mid-season.
- Propagation - average

Selected from a group of 20 unbloomed seedlings purchased from Mrs. C. O. Dexter (Shawne Farm) in 1943 by Mrs. Arthur Hoyt Scott of Media, PA for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College. Named by Dr. John C. Wister, described by Gertrude S. Wister and registered by the John J. Tyler Arboretum (Jan. 28, 1980).

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 34, #4, p. 234 (1980)

SP Notes: p. 299

DEXTER'S APPLEBLOSSOM (3/3)

(DE #631, H. P. #14-67)

(catawba x fortunei)

Plant - 5'x 3½' in 10 years, broad, rounded, branches well, -15° to -30°F.

Leaves - 6"x 2¼", narrowly elliptic to narrowly oblong, tip is apiculate, base is cuneate, medium green, leaf is visibly hairy, leaves held two years. NOTE: The leaves of Dexter's Appleblossom (DE #631) are convex while the leaves of Apple Blossom (Ev. #3) are flat to slightly concave.

Truss - 7"x 4", flat, 12-15 flowers, slight fragrance, very floriferous.

Flower - 3"x 1½", openly funnel-shaped, 6 frilled lobes; bicolor effect, appleblossom pink and white over most of flower with a ¼" edging of deep pink, yellow-green blotch with darker shade of spots covering base of 2 lobes; 12 straight, even length stamen, blooms early.

Propagation - average

Oftened mixed up with Apple Blossom (Ev. #3) in the retail trade. Registered and introduced by the Heritage Plantation, named by Jack Cowles.

Transplant Nursery has the correct clone.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p. 120 (1978)

vol. 33, #4, p. 242 (1979)

The Dexter Estate p. 21

ARH p.63 (1980)

DEXTER'S APRICOT (3/3)

(DE #225, H. P. 220-67)

(R. haematodes x R. decorum)

- Plant - 5'x 6' in 15 years, broad, branches moderately, 0°F.
- Leaves - 4½"x 2", oblong, tip is apiculate and base is rounded, moderate olive green, glabrous, glossy, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 5"x2½", flat, 12-15 flowers, slight fragrance.
- Flower - 3"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 7 wavy lobes, basic flower color is apricot pink with pink edging and yellow green blotch, 14 straight, uneven stamen, has showy bud color.

Propagation - average?

Registered and introduced by the Heritage Plantation, named by Jack Cowles.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p. 120 (1978)

The Dexter Estate p. 21

ARH p. 63 (1980)

DEXTER'S BRANDY-GREEN (4/4)

(DE #491, H.P. # 92-67)

(R. fortunei x ?)

Plant - 4'x 7' in 11 years, broad, branches well, 0°F.

Leaves - 6½"x 2½", narrowly elliptic to elliptic, tip is apiculate and base is cuneate; moderate olive green, glabrous, bullate (slight curl), leaves held two years.

Truss - 7"x 5", flat, 8 flowers, slight fragrance.

Flower - 4"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 6 frilled lobes, medium pink, yellow green spotting on upper lobe and base of two adjacent lobes, 9 curved, uneven stamen which are very short and inconspicuous; bud color a rose pink, heavy substance.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by Heritage Plantation. Named by Jack Cowles.

"Pollen sterile blossoms vary in color, pinker in cool weather, more tan in hot." The Dexter Estate

One of the outstanding plants at Heritage Plantation.

May be too tender to be worthwhile in NC.

One of the 35 best Dexers as selected by John Wister and Heman Howard. (Spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol 32, #2, pp.120-121 (1978)

The Dexter Estate pp. 21-23, 35

ARH p.63 (1980)

DEXTER'S CREAM (4/3)

(DE #437, H.P. 230-67)

(R. haematodes x R. decorum)

Plant - 4½'x 6' in 12 years, broad, semi-dwarf, branches well, 0°F.

Leaves - 3½"x 1½", narrowly elliptic, tip is apiculate and base is rounded, moderate olive green, leaves held two years.

Truss - 5"x 5", ball-shaped, lax, 6-8 flowers, slight fragrance.

Flower - 3½"x 2½", openly funnel-shaped, 7 frilled lobes, cream with pale pink edging, pale yellow, 1" blotch; 14 curved, even lengthed stamen.

Propagation - average?

Registered and introduced by Heritage Plantation. Named by Jack Cowles.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p. 121 (1978)

The Dexter Estate p. 22

ARH p. 64 (1980)

DEXTER'S BRICK RED

(DE #427, H.P. #227-67)

(R. haematodes x R. decorum)

- Plant - 1½'x 1½' in 4 years (4½'x 10' in 40-50 years), broad, semi-dwarf, branches well, 0°F.
- Leaves - 3½"x 1½", elliptic to oblong, tip is apiculate and base is rounded, moderate olive green, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 6"x 3", flat, lax, 12 flowers.
- Flowers - 3"x 1½", openly funnel-shaped, 7 wavy lobes, deep pink, moderate red spot in throat, 11 straight, even length stamens, slow to bloom.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by the Heritage Plantation. Named by Jack Cowles.

One of the 35 best Dexters as selected by John Wister and Heman Howard (Spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, pp.102, 121 (1978)

The Dexter Estate pp. 22, 37

ARH p.64 (1980)

DEXTER'S CROWN PINK (3/4)

(DE #600, H. P. 131-67)

(R. catawbiense x R. fortunei)

Plant - 8'x 10' in 40-50 years from seed, broad, branches well, 0°F.

Leaves - 6"x 2", ovate lanceolate to narrowly oblong, tip is acute, base is rounded; moderate olive green, glabrous, glaucous, leaves held two years.

Truss - 6-7"x 5", conical, 10 flowers, mutiple trusses.

Flower - 3"x 1 3/4", funnel-shaped, 6 slightly frilled lobes strong purplish pink with olive green spotting on dorsal lobe and edges of the two adjoining lobes; 10 straight, uneven stamen.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by Heritage Plantation. Named by Jack Cowles.

Mr. Dexter called this plant 'Old Wavy Leaf'.

This plant is probably a 'Mrs. C. S. Sargent' hybrid.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p. 121 (1978)

The Dexter Estate pp. 22, 35

ARH p. 64 (1980)

DEXTER'S FAVORITE

(DE #123)

(R. fortunei? x ?)

Plant - 5'x 8' in 40 years from seed; compact, spreading, 0°F.

Leaves - 3½"x 5", oblong-oblongeolate, dark green, glabrous.

Truss - "x ", conical, 13-17 flowers, blooms late.

Flower - 3½"x ", funnel campanulate, 5-6 lobes, rhodamine pink, yellow-green blotch, very fragrant.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by Edmond Amateis. Named by
Paul Vossberg.

Ref: "Rhododendrons" p. 132 (1956)

"Rhododendrons for your Garden" p. 165 (1961)

ARH p. 64 (1980)

DEXTER'S GIANT RED (4/3)

(DE #431, H.P. 190-69, Dexter's Big Red)

('Pygmalion' x fortunei complex)

- Plant - 4½'x 5½' in 12 years, upright, broad, branches moderately (somewhat open), 0°F.
- Leaves - 6½"x 3", elliptic, tip is acute, base is cuneate, moderate olive green, glabrous, glossy, leaves held one year.
- Truss - 7"x 6", conical, 12-15 flowers.
- Flower - 4"x 2½", openly funnel-shaped, 7 slightly frilled lobes, pedicel a strong red, flower bright purplish red, very dark red blotch at base of dorsal lobe dispersing to spots on the three top lobes and light red spots covering the rest of the corolla; 11 straight, uneven stamen.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by the Heritage Plantation. Named by Jack Cowles.

One of the 35 best Dexter's as selected by John Wister and Heman Howard (Spring 1975)

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p. 121 (1978)

vol. 34, #2, p. 119 (1980)

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ARH pp. 63, 64 (1980)

DEXTER'S GLOW (4/3)

(DE #317, H.P. 125-70)

('Britannia' x hardy fortunei)

- Plant - 10'x ' in 35-40 years from seed, upright, broad, branches well,
0°F.
- Leaves - 4½"x 2¼", oblong, tip is apiculate and base is rounded, moderate
olive green, glabrous, glossy, leaves held two years.
- Truss - 6"x 4", flat, lax, 8-10 flowers, slight fragrance, very floriferous.
- Flower - 3½"x 2", openly funnel-shaped, 5 ruffled lobes, strong purplish
red with paler throat and dark red blotch ¼" around base or
entire corolla, blotch extends ¾" up one lobe; 10 straight,
uneven stamen.

Propagation - average

Registered and introduced by Heritage Plantation and named
by Jack Cowles.

This hybrid is a cross Tony Consolini made for Mr. Dexter.

BR 1 or Brite Pink may be the same as Dexter's Glow.

Ref: ARS-QB vol. 32, #2, p.121 (1978)

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ARH p. 64 (1980)