

Scientific Name: *Clerodendrum trichotomum*

Family: Lamiaceae

Common Name: Harlequin Glorybower

Native Habitat: West China and Japan

Hardiness Zone: Most sources state it is only hardy to Zone 6. However, it thrives in Stonecrop's Zone 5 climate in a sheltered location.

Exposure: Ours does best in partial shade but can tolerate full sun in good soil.

Form: A deciduous, suckering shrub.

Soil Requirements: Moist, well-drained soil.

Growth Rate: Medium

Height: 10 to 20 feet.

Leaf: Leaves are dark green, soft, and hairy to the touch, and are quite aromatic when bruised, smelling rather like peanut butter. Typically 4 to 7 inches long, 2 to 4 inches wide, the only downfall is that the leaves do not provide fall colour. Leaves are considered medicinal and can be used externally in the treatment of dermatitis and internally for the treatment of hypertension, rheumatoid arthritis, joint pain, numbness, and paralysis.

Flower: *C. trichotomum* comes to life in mid-summer, usually around the middle of July. Intensely fragrant, 5-petalled white flowers cover the shrub, each 1 inch wide with prominent stamens.

Fruit: Flowers and fruit often occur at the same time and as the flowers fade, showy, rose-red calyces covering bright blue fruit persist, making for a long, lovely summer display.



The "Harlequin Glorybower" lives at the very top of the Himalayan Slope next to the Wisteria pavilion at Stonecrop Gardens. Guests can often be heard asking, "There is a large shrub near the Wisteria Pavilion. It has white flowers and smells heavenly. What is it?" As mid-August approaches, the question turns to, "What is the shrub beside the Wisteria Pavilion that has the bright pink fruit with a blue centre?" This choice shrub would be a fine addition to any summer garden and is easily propagated from seed which we offer each year in our Index Seminum.