



## Southern African Bulb Group

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## News

- ★ We plan to circulate a membership list – see the item in the Notices and Requests section below.
- ★ Some books on South African bulbs and other plants are available for sale, see below.
- ★ The audited accounts for 2014-2015 are included at the end of this Newsletter.
- ★ The annual Bulb & Seed Exchange mentioned in the previous Newsletter 31 has been completed thanks to hard work by our Chairman Bill Squire. The full list of bulbs and seeds which were available can be seen on our web-site<sup>1</sup>. The next Exchange will probably take place during August and September 2016

★ Bill's email address was given incorrectly in one place in the previous Newsletter. It should be [billshire@sky.com](mailto:billshire@sky.com). Apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

## Dates for your diary

- ★ Saturday 12th March 2016: NAAS/SABG visit to the Lachenalia display at Exbury
- ★ Sunday 17th April 2016: SABG Spring Meeting, Winchester
- ★ Sunday 23rd October 2016: SABG Autumn Meeting, Winchester

1 <http://www.sabg.tk/BulbAndSeedExchange2015.html>

## From the Editor

First of all, please allow me to apologise for the long delay since the previous Newsletter. I promise to try to do better in future! Because the list of books for sale takes up a lot of space in the present Newsletter, this is an unusually long Newsletter, and to avoid making it even longer I have kept back some material for a later issue. In fact, like the watch-maker's apprentice (who on his first day at work was asked to take a watch to pieces and put it back together again), I have nearly enough left over to make another one!

However, I'm always on the look-out for, and grateful to receive, any information, snippets, notices and articles, so please keep sending them to me!

## Notices and Requests

### *Members' contact details*

If any of your contact details (name, address, email, phone number) have changed, please email Alina Hughes (address at the end of this Newsletter). We have one or two members whose email addresses appear to be out of date.

In response to a number of requests, and as is common practice in similar organisations, the Committee has decided to circulate a list of SABG members. This will, amongst other things, enable members to locate others nearby and perhaps instigate SABG-related activities in their area.

This list will only be sent to current SABG members, probably in the next Newsletter, and will not be put on the Web, except possibly in a future restricted members-only area. All members' names and the first part of their postcodes will be included (e.g. SP6, or their country if not in the UK), together with phone numbers and email addresses where available. It will not include full postal addresses, for security reasons – you will have to contact the member directly if you wish to meet them (other than at SABG meetings, of course!) If you do not wish to be contacted by phone or email or both, please let me know as soon as possible and I will exclude these details from the list, although this will reduce its value to other members.

### *Pauline Perry 1927 – 2015*

Sadly I have been informed by Erle Randall of the death of Pauline L. Perry in Bangor on Boxing Day after a long illness. He got to know her recently through Treborth Botanic Garden<sup>2</sup> where she was a founding

2 [www.treborthbotanicgarden.org](http://www.treborthbotanicgarden.org)

member of the Friends. Pauline had been a member of SABG for some time. She worked for many years at Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden<sup>3</sup>, Worcester, S.A. and later at Kirstenbosch<sup>4</sup>, publishing a revision of *Bulbinella*, describing among others *Bulbinella eburniflora*.

Although plants which would become known as *Lachenalia perryae* had been collected at various times from 1949 onwards, it wasn't until 1996 that the species name was published by Graham Duncan, who named it after her “in recognition of her valuable work in collecting and recording the bulbous flora of the Little Karoo”<sup>5</sup>. She had collected the type specimen in August 1995, within the grounds of the “natural area at the Karoo Desert NBG”, as noted in Graham Duncan's book “The Genus *Lachenalia*”, under the entry for *L. perryae* (pp. 255-256). The species is listed in the South African National Biodiversity Institute's Red List as being of “least concern” regarding threats to its existence, so the plant will hopefully remain for a very long time as a reminder of Pauline Perry.



*Lachenalia perryae* (Cameron McMaster, 2008-09-29, Western Cape, Fairfield, Napier)

3 [www.sanbi.org/gardens/karoo-desert](http://www.sanbi.org/gardens/karoo-desert)

4 [www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch](http://www.sanbi.org/gardens/kirstenbosch)

5 See [abcjournal.org/index.php/ABC/article/download/682/630](http://abcjournal.org/index.php/ABC/article/download/682/630) for the full scientific publication details

## Suggestions for speakers

The Committee would again be very grateful for any suggestions for future speakers at our meetings, whether they are members of the SABG or not. We are also looking for members to volunteer to speak or show pictures or plants, even if only for a few minutes (perhaps in the session after lunch – this is a good way to get a little practice if you don't want to give a full 1.5 hour talk before lunch). Many of you have experiences to share that we can all enjoy and learn from – that's what our meetings are for!

## Scadoxus membranaceus

Alina Hughes has divided her large *Scadoxus membranaceus* plant and has 3 offshoots to offer, in approximately 8" pots, all doing well and putting on new growth. These would have to be collected at the Spring Meeting, so if you want one please contact her and she will bring it along (£5 including pot, email address at the end of the Newsletter). In view of their size she doesn't want to bring them "just in case".



*Scadoxus membranaceus* (Pacific Bulb Society)

This picture is, as they say, for illustrative purposes only (what other purpose a picture might have is a mystery to me) and is not Alina's plant. The species has also been known as *Haemanthus puniceus* var. *membranaceus*.

## Cyrтанthus seeds

John Weagles, an NAAS member who lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, has asked whether any members of SABG might have unusual *Cyrтанthus* seeds available. He says that Silverhills has not had much for the past few years, and harvest time might just be approaching in the southern latitudes. If you have anything, please email him at [InsigneGdn@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:InsigneGdn@ns.sympatico.ca).

## Bulbs for sale

Recently-joined SABG member John Davies is growing South African bulbs in his lawn in Birmingham, which will feature in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, we have received an email from him offering a number of species of bulbs for sale "in any quantity direct from Africa". Please email him directly for a quotation at [j.davies12@yahoo.com](mailto:j.davies12@yahoo.com), not through the Newsletter, if you are interested in any of the following varieties.

*Brunsvigia grandiflora*, *Boophone disticha*, *Ammocharis coranica*, *Crinum delagoense*, *C. acaule*, *C. macowanii*, *C. bulbispermum*, *C. mooreii*, *Haemanthus albiflos*, *H. humilis*, *H. deformis*, *Scadoxus puniceus*, *S. multiflorus* subsp. *katherinae*, *Cyrтанthus falcatus*, *C. mackenii* cream, red, yellow, *Cyrтанthus* red, bicolour, orange, 'Alexandra', mixed colours, *C. breviflorus*, *Watsonia* light orange, red, lilac, *Dierama* pink, lilac, yellow, *Gladiolus dalenii* coppery red, orange.

(This is probably as good a place as any to state that, although the Newsletter Editor tries to ensure that information presented is accurate, the SABG Committee does not endorse or recommend suppliers and takes no responsibility for transactions arranged between members.)

## SABG Library

In the previous Newsletter, I reported that an opportunity had arisen to start a Group Library, starting with books on South African bulbs and wild flowers collected by Brian Wall, an enthusiastic grower of South African bulbs, who died in April 2013. His daughter Janet Wall generously offered her father's books to the group. Some of you will have seen some of the books on a table at the October meeting.

However, at the Committee meeting on the same day, we discussed the difficulties of running a library, which would provide very limited access to the books, with only two meetings per year and widely scattered members. It was felt that it would not work satisfactorily. Some of Brian's books are out of print and difficult to obtain, so we would not want them to go astray in transit or while on loan. It was agreed, with Janet's approval, to sell the books, with members being given the first chance to purchase them, with proceeds being split between the SABG and Janet Wall. Details of the books themselves and how you can bid for them are given later in this Newsletter.

## Future SABG meetings

### *The next SABG meeting*

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 17th April 2016** at our normal venue, the Badger Farm Community Centre near Winchester. Directions are shown on our web-site at [www.sabg.tk](http://www.sabg.tk). The doors will open at 10.00, and the meeting will close at about 16.00.

The speaker for the morning session at approximately 11:00 will be **Jonathan Hutchinson**, who is a Team Leader at the RHS Rosemoor Garden at Great Torrington in north Devon, where he has worked since May 1998. The title of his talk is "*Plant explorations of Ethiopia's Afromontane Forests*". You can read a bit about Jonathan at the Rosemoor web-site<sup>6</sup>.

As usual, there will be a display table for any plants that you bring along. We plan to have one of our informal discussion periods during the afternoon, so that members can point out their plants and answer any questions. If you have any slides or computer images that you would like to show, please bring them along.

There will also be a sales table where you can offer material for sale on the usual 80:20 basis, i.e. the Group takes a 20% commission to help cover the hall hire costs etc. Please include a second label in each pot, showing the price and your initials, so that we can settle up easily at the end of the day.

There will be a lunch break from approximately 12.30 until 14.00. For those of you that have not come before, it's worth adding that many Members bring their own food so that they can have the opportunity to chat to others. Alternatively, the Sainsbury's supermarket is based on the same site.

As usual, the charge for the meeting will be £3.00 each, payable at the door. If you add your car registration number to the list, there is no charge for parking.

### *SABG Autumn 2016 meeting*

The Autumn meeting will be on **Sunday 23rd October 2016**, when **Nick Wray**, the curator of Bristol University Botanic Garden, will give a talk.

## Identifying a geophyte

*By Kath Baker*

Being brought up on *Crocus* and *Cyclamen*, daffodil and bluebell, to identify a geophyte of the Western

Cape is not easy. What looks like an *Iris* turns out to be a *Moraea* and amongst the orchids there is no mention of *Orchis* or *Ophrys*! Most genera are unfamiliar. A bibliotheca of Floras is available to help any naturalist determined to identify an unknown species in the field. New species are being discovered and named, frequently; well-established species are being renamed, e.g., *Lachenalia pustulata* has been clumped into *L. pallida* and species may be moved from one family into another, as new relationships are discovered using modern biochemical techniques. Published Floras will become out- of-date.



So, with some trepidation, I set to to identify a geophyte, abandoned in the corner of my bulb house, in leaf and flowering for the first time after four years. Its label, bearing the provenance, lost! There were five bulbs. At least, I could study the rootstock – something that could not be done in the field. The tiny flowers looked like *Ornithogalum* or *Albuca* to my inexperienced eye.



The first thing I did was to photograph as much of the morphology that could be picked out, using a macro lens. A ×10 hand lens and a binocular microscope,

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/Rosemoor/staffprofile?ID=242>

fitted with a centimetre scale with 0.01 mm gradations, were used. After all, the florets were just about one centimetre in diameter! The only keys I have are those in “*The Color Encyclopedia of Cape Bulbs*”, by Manning, Goldblatt and Snijman (2002).

Here are my findings: Height of plant – 23.5 cm. **Bulb** diameter - 2.8 cm, white flesh. 3 - 4 bunches of **leaves** growing from the top, each group consisting of 5 - 10 leaves, surrounded by sheaths (2 - 3.5 mm wide) clasping the base (4.5 mm diam) of the group, no coloured spots or stripes. Leaves present at flowering. Each leaf is needle-like (1 mm wide), wiry, ± folded along its length with hyaline, ciliate margins, slightly twisted near tips, several veins, central one light green.



**Inflorescence** - several racemes issue from each group of leaves, peduncle long, smooth, wiry (up to 23cm). **Florets** (8 – 13 mm diam), at top of peduncle, actinomorphic, whitish with central green stripe, erect, subtended by a membranous, acuminate bract, green-tipped, not spurred; pedicellate (length < 5 mm).



**Tepals** – 6, free, all spreading in the afternoon but inner ones erect earlier, covering the anthers and ovary. All tepals appear slightly hooded, the outer 3 more obvious, not caducous. Length of tepal (outer) - 8.3 mm, width - 3.3 mm, inner tepals slightly narrower (2.5 mm wide). Faint honey scent in afternoon. **Stamens** – 6, anthers yellow, 1 mm long, introrse dehiscence through longitudinal slits, all fertile, inner three epitepalous.

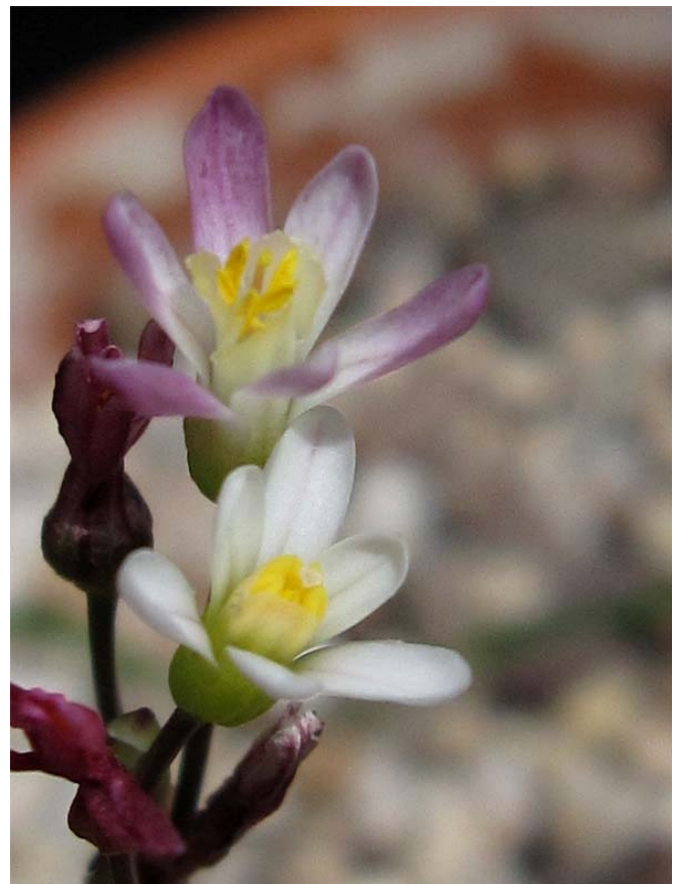
**Filaments** – white, flattened for most of their length, 0.45 mm long x 1.5 mm wide at base. **Ovary** – superior, oval, on short stalk, 3 – locular, many ovules per loculus, axile placentation. Much mucilage produced on dissection.

I keyed this species out to Hyacinthaceae and reached *Ornithogalum*. I discarded *Albuca* because of the form of the tepals and because the florets are open and cup-shaped. It looks like the photograph of *Ornithogalum juncifolium* in Pooley’s “*A Field Guide to Wild Flowers*”.

If anyone has an identification for this bulb please let me know ([ronbaker777@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ronbaker777@hotmail.co.uk)).

(The article above has also been submitted to the IBSA Bulb Chat, but is included here in case any members have an idea what the mystery plant might be.)

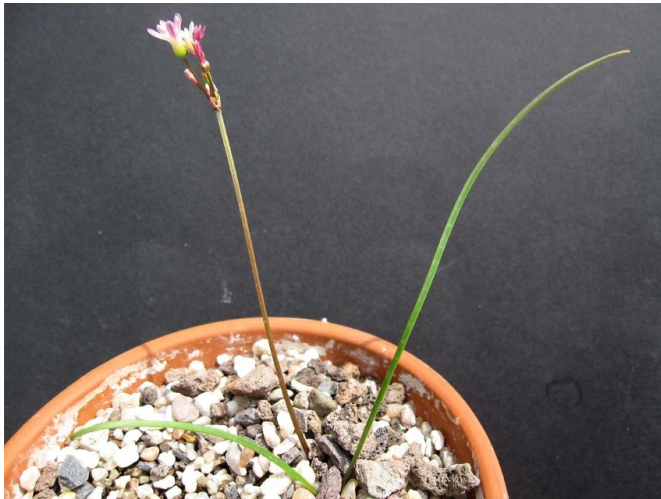
## ***Prototulbaghia siebertii***



These photographs of the rare recently described *Prototulbaghia siebertii* in flower in cultivation were sent to David Victor for the Newsletter by Hans Joschko. Hans is a member of the SABG in Mahlberg which is in the Rhein valley in south-west Germany, north of Freiburg and south of Strasbourg. He is a previous contributor to the Newsletter and a prolific donor to the Bulb & Seed Exchange. Thanks, Hans!

rare, with a limited range of less than 5 km<sup>2</sup> and threatened by grazing, mining, and road construction.”

*Prototulbaghia* is the only other genus in its tribe (which also includes the better-known *Tulbaghia*) in the *Amaryllis* family (Amaryllidaceae). Terry Smale wrote more details about it in SABG Newsletter No. 10, April 2008<sup>8</sup>.



According to Wikipedia<sup>7</sup>, “*Prototulbaghia siebertii* is the only species in the monotypic genus *Prototulbaghia*. It was described in 2007 from the Leolo Mountains, Limpopo, South Africa. It is very



7 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prototulbaghia>

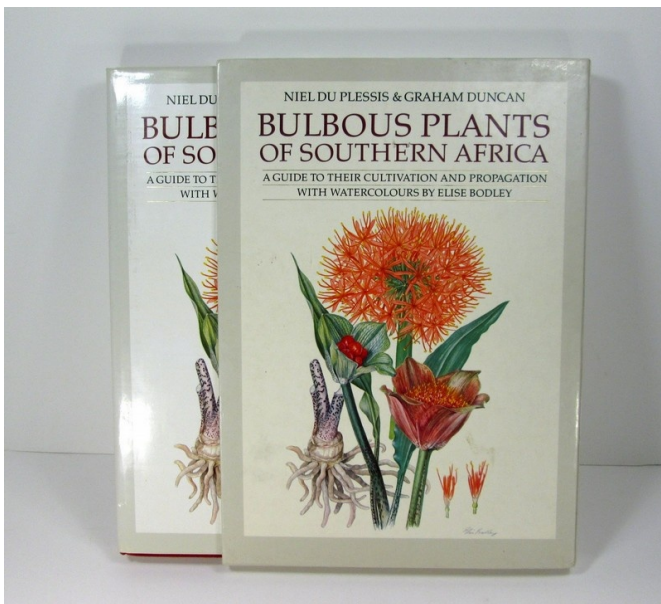
8 <http://www.sabg.tk/newsletter/SABGnews10.pdf>

## Snippets

### “Strelitzia” PDFs

Jeremy Spon told me that he discovered by chance that SANBI (the South African National Biodiversity Institute<sup>9</sup>) have published some editions of their journal “Strelitzia” as free PDF files which can be downloaded from their website. He mentioned that of particular interest to SABG members might be the Manning and Goldblatt monograph on *Freesia*<sup>10</sup> (Strelitzia volume 27); there are also the two volumes of *Plants of the Greater Cape Floristic Region* (Strelitzia volumes 29<sup>11</sup> and 30<sup>12</sup>) – essentially just checklists, with only minimal identification information, but quite important documents nonetheless. They and many other interesting documents can be found at <http://www.sanbi.org/information/documents>; enter 'strelitzia' in 'Search terms' or just have a browse around!

## Books for sale



*Bulbous Plants of Southern Africa*, Du Plessis & Duncan, 1989

These books came from the library of former SABG member Brian Wall, and were donated by his daughter Janet Wall. We want to give SABG members the benefit of the first chance to buy these books, so we are inviting offers for them, in the hope that Brian's books go to good homes! The column labelled “Offer” in the tables below is our suggested amount, around three quarters of any realistic prices I could find online, but you are free to offer more or less than this amount,

9 <http://www.sanbi.org/>

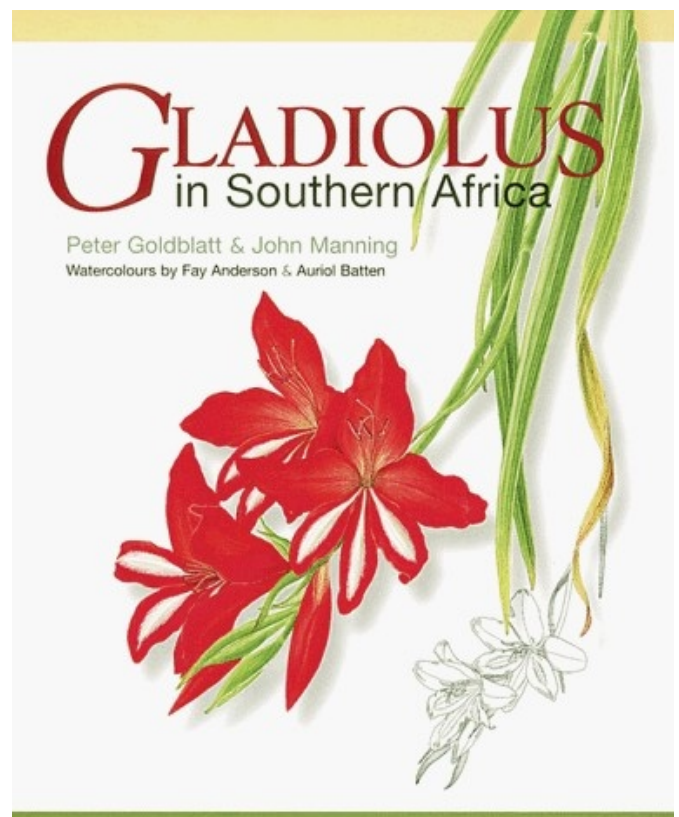
10 <http://www.sanbi.org/node/9297/reference>

11 <http://www.sanbi.org/node/9264/reference>

12 <http://www.sanbi.org/node/9265/reference>

depending on how much you want the book! In the event of receiving more than one offer for a particular book, I will inform those making the offers, in case they want to change them. The aim is to complete the bidding process by the 29th of February. If you plan to attend our next meeting in Winchester on 17th April, you can avoid the cost of postage by collecting your book or books at the meeting. If you are unable to come, we will add the postage and any packing costs to the invoice for the amount which you pay on acceptance of your offer. For UK residents this is expected to be around £3, unless signed-for or tracked delivery is required, or the parcel you are being sent is heavier than 2 kg (see the column labelled “Condition”), in which case we will charge accordingly. Posting overseas may be possible, I think for £12 – please enquire if you are interested in this.

The proceeds will be split equally between the SABG and Janet (who will contribute to the Blue Cross charity), so if you buy one or more books from this list you will benefit the SABG and help it to pay its bills. For this reason we are endeavouring to obtain a fair price, so if the highest offer is too low, we reserve the right not to accept it, and sell the book in another way.



*Gladiolus in Southern Africa* Manning & Goldblatt, 1998

For information, the example prices listed below in the column labelled “Online” are generally the lowest I could find for books in good condition on Amazon, eBay and sometimes Keith's Plant Books; they may be

for books in poorer condition than the ones listed, although they may occasionally be for books in very good or new condition. The Amazon prices shown usually do not include the addition of postage of £2.80 to UK addresses, or possibly more if the dealer or recipient is outside the UK. The example eBay prices generally include postage to UK addresses. (I do not understand why some Amazon Marketplace book-sellers are listing many second-hand books at a price of one penny, plus postage at £2.80, or eBay sellers at around £2.80 with free postage - are they just trying to clear tatty old unsold stock?)

The column labelled "Example" gives a web location (URL) where you can see at least what the book's cover

looks like, and often more details. I have tried to ensure that this matches the edition of the book being offered, but this is not guaranteed. (If you're reading the PDF version you should be able to click on this to go straight to your Web browser; if you're reading a Word or LibreOffice version you can try pressing the Ctrl key while clicking.)

Please send offers and enquiries to me (Richard). At present, books 1 to 18 are at Alina's, so please direct any enquiries requiring inspection of those books to her (email addresses are at the end of the Newsletter).

dj = dust-jacket, ep = end-paper, KPB = Keith's Plant Books (<http://www.keithsplantbooks.co.uk/>)

## SOUTH AFRICAN BULBS

No.	Title and details	Condition	Offer	Online	Example
1	" <i>Nieuwoudtville</i> " (South African Wild Flower Guide 9) by John Manning & Peter Goldblatt, 1997; ISBN 1874999171	Good, <b>signed copy</b>	£18	Amazon £25.00	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/1874999171">http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/1874999171</a> (see 2nd entry)
2	" <i>Gladiolus in Southern Africa</i> " by John Manning & Peter Goldblatt, 1998; ISBN 1874950326	Good, <b>signed copy</b> , sleeve torn, <b>2.2 kg</b>	£90	Amazon £121.20	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874950326">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874950326</a>
3	" <i>West Coast</i> " (South African Wild Flower Guide 7) by John Manning & Peter Goldblatt, 1996; ISBN 1874999112	Good	£8	Amazon £10.46	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874999112">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874999112</a>
4	" <i>Field Guide to Fynbos</i> " by John Manning (Struik, New Holland, 2007, paperback, 507 pp.; ISBN 9781770072657	Nearly new	£8	Amazon £9.99 KPB (new) £15 eBay £13.31	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1770072659">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1770072659</a>
5	" <i>Gladiolus in Tropical Africa</i> " by Peter Goldblatt, 1996; ISBN 0881923338	Good	£16	Amazon £21.80 KPB (new) £20	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0881923338">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0881923338</a>
6	" <i>Wildflowers of the Fairest Cape</i> " by Peter Goldblatt & John Manning, 2000; ISBN 0620247878 (Not to be confused with "Wild Flowers of the Fairest Cape" by Jackson, 0869781944)	Good	£15	Amazon £19.62 eBay £42.26	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620247878">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620247878</a>
7	" <i>Cederberg</i> " (South African Wild Flower Guide 10) by Gretel van Rooyen, Hester Stagn, 1999; ISBN 1874999198	Good	£12	Amazon £16.00	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874999198">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1874999198</a>
8	" <i>Hottentots Holland to Hermanus</i> " (South African Wild Flower Guide 5) by Lee Burman & Anne Bean, 1985; ISBN 0620083948	Good	£8	Amazon £10.00 KPB (new) £17.50 eBay £3.88	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620083948">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620083948</a>
9	" <i>Eastern Cape Veld Flowers</i> " by Eily Gledhill, 1969; no ISBN	Good	£12	Amazon £16.69 KPB (used) £5	<a href="http://www.keithsplantbooks.co.uk/details.aspx?Books=G&amp;id=8484">http://www.keithsplantbooks.co.uk/details.aspx?Books=G&amp;id=8484</a>
10	" <i>Namaqualand and Clanwilliam</i> " (South African Wild Flower Guide 1) by A. le Roux & E.A.C.L.E Schelpe, 1981; ISBN 0798401125	Good	£9	Amazon £12.50 KPB (used, later edition) £8	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B000K1S8JO">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B000K1S8JO</a>



11	“A Revision of the South African Species of <i>Gladiolus</i> ” by G J Lewis & AA Obermeyer (Journal of South African Botany Suppl. Vol.10, 1972); ISBN 360001556	Good, sleeve torn	£25	Amazon £35.00	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B005E9U7D2">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B005E9U7D2</a>
12	“ <i>The Genus Babiana</i> ” by G Joyce Lewis (Journal of South African Botany Suppl. Vol. III, 1959); no ISBN	Good	£32	Amazon £45	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00CD4LLHC">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00CD4LLHC</a>
13	“ <i>Flora of Southern Africa Vol.7 Iridaceae Pt.2 Ixioideae</i> ” by Miriam P. de Vos & Peter Goldblatt, 1999; ISBN 1919795421	Good	£12	Amazon £14.69	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/0621079391">http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/0621079391</a> (see first entry)
14	“A Synoptic Review of <i>Romulea</i> in Sub-Saharan Africa” by John Manning & Peter Goldblatt (Adansonia, 2001); no ISBN (Comprehensive scientific article, descriptions of 76 spp. in 50 pages, identification keys, diagrams and a few colour plates)		£10	no printed examples found	
15	“ <i>The Moraeas of Southern Africa</i> ” by Goldblatt, 1986; ISBN 0620099747, 02583305	Very good	£18	Amazon £24.50	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620099747">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0620099747</a>
16	“Spring and Winter Flowering Bulbs of the Cape” by Barbara Jeppe, 1989; ISBN 0195705351, 0195705416	Very good	£15	Amazon £20.50	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0195705351">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0195705351</a>
17	“ <i>Bulbs, a Complete Handbook</i> ” by Roy Genders, 1973; ISBN 0709131569 (General European bulb book)	Good	£3	Amazon £3.75 eBay £5.55	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0019CIJQK">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0019CIJQK</a>
18	“ <i>Bulbous Plants of Southern Africa</i> ” by Du Plessis & Duncan, 1989; ISBN 0624026590, 0624028100	Very good, with cardboard sleeve, 2.2 kg	£100	Amazon £138.50	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0624026590">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0624026590</a>

## ORCHIDS

No.	Title and details	Condition	Offer	Online	Example
19	“ <i>Orchids: A Complete Guide to Cultivation</i> ” by O. Eigeldinger & L.S. Murphy (John Gifford, 1971, reprinted 1972, hardcover, 230 pp., publisher's price £1.80); ISBN 0707102316	Good, dj	£2	Amazon £0.79 eBay £3.76	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0707103908">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0707103908</a>
20	“ <i>Orchid Growing Illustrated</i> ” by Brian & Wilma Rittershausen (Blandford, 1985, reprinted 1986, hardcover, 159 pp., publisher's price £12.95); ISBN 0713713658 (Comprehensive cultural information, not a picture-book of orchid varieties)	Good, dj	£2	Amazon £0.01 eBay £2.99	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0713713658">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0713713658</a>
21	“ <i>The International Book of Orchids</i> ” by P. Francis Hunt (Marshall Cavendish, 1979, hardcover, 173 pp.); ISBN 0856854514 (A wide-ranging biological and general information, including some varieties and their cultivation)	Good, dj, price clipped, inscription on ep	£2	Amazon £0.01 eBay £2.79	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0856854514">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0856854514</a>
22	“ <i>Orchids for Everyone</i> ” by Brian Williams & Jack Kramer (Treasure Press, 1984, hardcover, 208 pp., publisher's price £9.95); ISBN 0907812902	Good, with some damage to dj	£2	Amazon £0.01 eBay £2.59	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0831766557">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0831766557</a>
23	“ <i>The Cattleyas and Their Relatives, Vol. 1: The Cattleyas</i> ” by Carl L. Withner (Timber Press, hardcover, 1988, 147 pp., publisher's price £25.00); ISBN 0881920991	Good, dj in clear plastic covering	£22	Amazon £28.67 eBay £35.21	<a href="http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/The-Cattleyas-and-Their-Relatives-Volume-I-The-Cattleyas-by-Withner-Carl-L-/291653644512">http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/The-Cattleyas-and-Their-Relatives-Volume-I-The-Cattleyas-by-Withner-Carl-L-/291653644512</a>

**TREES AND SHRUBS**

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24	<i>"Hillier's Manual of Trees and Shrubs"</i> , 5th edition (1981), reprinted 1989 (David & Charles, hardback, 575 pp., publisher's price £12.95); ISBN 0751393027	Good, dj with small tears	£3	Amazon £4.62 eBay £6.00	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00EQBF25W">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00EQBF25W</a>
25	<i>"Collins Guide to Tree Planting and Cultivation"</i> by H.L. Edlin (Collins, 1970, hardback, 349 pp., publisher's price £2.10); ISBN 000212002X	Fair to good, dj with tears	£2	Amazon £2.88 eBay £2.59	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0007C6LCC">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0007C6LCC</a>
26	<i>"The Larger Species of Rhododendron"</i> by Peter Cox (Batsford, 1979, hardback, 352 pp.); ISBN 0713417471	Good, dj, price clipped, inscription and book-plate on ep	£5	Amazon £5.23 eBay £8.39	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0713417471">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0713417471</a>
27	<i>"Vireya Rhododendrons"</i> by J. Clyde Smith (Australian Rhododendron Society, 1989, reprinted 1991, softcover, 76 pp.); ISBN 0731656040 (See Example for Contents page)	Good	£22	eBay £29.89	<a href="http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Vireya-Rhododendrons-J-Clyde-Smith-/252113782776">http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Vireya-Rhododendrons-J-Clyde-Smith-/252113782776</a>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No.	Title and details	Condition	Offer	Online	Example
28	<i>"RHS Dictionary of Gardening"</i> , 2nd edition (1956), reprinted with corrections 1974, ed. Fred J. Chittenden & Patrick Syngé (Oxford Clarendon Press, hardcover, 4 vols, 2316 pp.); ISBN 0198691068	Fair to good, no dj, no later Supplement, <b>7.7 kg</b>	£60	Amazon £75.44 eBay £86	<a href="http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Dictionary-of-Gardening-Syngé-1977-HB-DJ-/252246583128">http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Dictionary-of-Gardening-Syngé-1977-HB-DJ-/252246583128</a>
29	<i>"The Dictionary of Indoor Plants in Colour"</i> by R. Hay, F.R. McQuown, G. & K. Beckett (Ebury Press & Michael Joseph, 1974, hardcover, 224 pp., publisher's price £6.00); ISBN 0718112741	Good, dj	£2	Amazon £0.58 eBay £2.79	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B003X8EM2I">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B003X8EM2I</a>
30	<i>"Easy Plants for Difficult Places"</i> by Geoffrey Smith (David & Charles, 1967, reprinted 1973, hardback, 208 pp., publisher's price £3.25); ISBN 0715359517	Good, dj	£2	Amazon £0.01 eBay £2.59	<a href="http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Easy-Plants-for-Difficult-Places-Geoffrey-Smith-/171527723782">http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Easy-Plants-for-Difficult-Places-Geoffrey-Smith-/171527723782</a>
31	<i>"Flowering Tropical Climbers"</i> by Geoffrey Herklots (Dawson, 1976, hardcover in slip case, 194 pp.); ISBN 0712906800	Very good	£10	Amazon £12.49	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/0712906800">http://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/offer-listing/0712906800</a>
32	<i>"What Flower is That?"</i> by Stirling Macoboy (Paul Hamlyn, 1969, reprinted 1973, hardcover, 317 pp.); no ISBN (A general picture-book of 1,250 plants of interest to gardeners, world-wide coverage, including many southern hemisphere species)	Fair to good, dj damaged and price clipped	£5	Amazon £15.20 eBay £3.84	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0727102761">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0727102761</a>
33	<i>"Wild Flowers of the World"</i> by Barbara Everard & Brian D. Morley (Peerage Books, 1970, reprinted 1987, hardcover, 432 pp., publisher's price £12.95); ISBN 0907408117	Fair to good, dj with tears, <b>2.3 kg</b>	£10	Amazon £21.43 eBay £8.50	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00B0K2O8A">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00B0K2O8A</a>

34	<i>"The Scented Wild Flowers of Britain"</i> by Roy Genders (Collins, 1971, hardback, 256 pp.); ISBN 0002117967	Good, dj, price clipped, inscription on ep	£2	Amazon £0.01 eBay £3.84	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0002117967">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0002117967</a>
35	<i>"Tropica: Color Cyclopedia of Exotic Plants and Trees"</i> by Alfred Byrd Graf (Roehrs, 1978, hardcover, 1120 pp.); ISBN 0911266143 (See Example for reader reviews)	Good, no dj (as published?), <b>3.3 kg</b>	£50	Amazon £69.13 eBay £42.26	<a href="http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0911266143">http://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/0911266143</a>

## SABG Accounts

Here are the audited accounts for the year September 2014 to September 2015, showing a healthy but not excessive balance, with stable income and expenditure. There is no need at present to charge any membership fee other than the joining fee. The variation in individual items of expenditure from 2014 to 2015 is simply due to the times at which various bills are paid – in particular, the hall rental has not suddenly increased!

### Southern African Bulb Group


#### Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

	2015	2014
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Membership Fees	£46.45	£15.00
Catering	£31.82	£38.51
Bulb Sales	£307.00	£200.00
Book Commission		£0.00
Plant Sales	£93.54	£79.02
Donations	£9.74	£0.00
Admission Donations	£156.00	£183.20
Account Interest	£3.48	£2.74
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£648.03</b>	<b>£518.47</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Hall Rental	£196.44	£81.81
Speaker	£26.00	£0.00
Catering Costs	£14.63	£10.14
Bulb Distribution Postage	£73.07	£97.50
Stationery		£9.16
Printing		£0.00
Creditor	£48.56	£0.00
Postage		£35.24
Research		£0.00
Affiliation Insurance	£105.00	£103.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£463.70</b>	<b>£336.85</b>
<b><u>Profit/Loss</u></b>	<b>£184.33</b>	<b>£181.62</b>

**Financial Position at 30 September 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance Brought Forward	£1625.19	£1395.01
Add Profit/Subtract Loss	£184.33	£181.62
Creditor- expenses due		£48.56
Balance Carried Forward	£1809.52	£1625.19
 <b>Represented By</b>		
Cheque not paid in		
Treasurer's Savings Account	£1809.52	£1625.19

I hereby certify that I have duly examined the books, bank statements, vouchers etc. of the Southern African Bulb Group and confirm these represent a true and accurate record.

Signed .....  ..... Date 17/11/2015

David Wilson MBA

**In the next Newsletter**

I plan to produce the next Newsletter (no. 33) for distribution around the end of March or the beginning of April, before our Spring meeting on 17th April 2016.

- ★ Report on the October 2015 meeting
- ★ Report on progress with the SABG web-site
- ★ Growing bulbs in the lawn
- ★ Snippets on *Crinum pedunculatum*, *Moraea huttonii* etc.
- ★ Membership list (see Notices and Requests in this issue)

What else the Newsletter contains depends on you! Ideas, notes, photos and or even articles for our newsletter are always welcome. You don't have to prepare them in any special way, and needn't spend ages refining them, I will happily edit them for the newsletter. Just send me an email (my address is at both ends of the Newsletter!)

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