



Plant of the Month, April 2020

Corylopsis pauciflora- by Joan McCaughey

Corylopsis pauciflora, also known as the buttercup winterhazel, is a small spreading shrub belonging to the Hamamelidaceae family and was introduced by Robert Fortune, originally being found in Taiwan and Japan.



The pale yellow flowers which appear in February and last until April are (in my opinion) a softer, sweeter colour than forsythia and I noticed that last autumn the leaves turned a golden yellow.

It is slow growing – and easy growing - reaching only 1.5 to 2 metres tall and is suitable for a small garden where snowdrops and other early spring flowers will happily grow underneath.

PS As we are unfortunately deprived of shows this spring and confined to home why not take some photos of the plants you might have entered or anything of interest growing in the garden, pots, or alpine house. Send them to Liam and they can go into this slot. Even better if you add a few lines on cultivation so that we can all learn, especially me.

Pps I do hope you all keep well and hopefully we can meet up again to enjoy our gardens and talks in late summer and autumn.