From: Polly Cooke
Sent: 26 October 2021 13:11
To: Charles Williams PA
Subject: RE: Wilson 50

Dear Charles,

I will be sending the 3 photo posters to you by We Transfer.

The differences in flower colour are illustrated by the photo of Azuma Kagami on the poster when compared with the front cover of the 2018 Yearbook, both are from The Isabella Plantation. The flowers shown on the poster are in shade in my garden and the plant was raised from a cutting from the Isabella. This year the same plant bore much paler flowers and resembled the Yearbook photo which is of a plant at the Isabella growing in dappled shade. Likewise if you look at the two photos of Suga no Ito on the poster, one is growing in my garden in full sun. The other photo shows a young plant, raised from my garden plant, and is in the shade tunnel at the Isabella. Aioi on the poster has faded in sun but begins as a soft shade of pink over the whole flower. So the Kurumes don't make anything easy for us!

You will notice that one or two of the photos on the posters have a question mark against them, that means that there's more investigation required. I have included them just in case you come up with something that confirms or excludes them from our search. Some photos, such as Suga no Ito, are what we think are the UK version of the Wilson Collection, so it will be interesting to see what you find amongst your older plants.

I have successfully propagated from very old woody cuttings by using a mesh bottomed tray in a propagator using multi branched cuttings. If successful this can provide a short term stock plant from which 'normal 'cuttings can be taken. Photo attached; look at the third row from the front, 'Album grandii' is what the old zinc label showed. The plant is a very old cultivar from Exbury which no longer flowers, so Jo Scrivener and I are attempting to grow it on for them.

Please let me know if you find more potential Wilson 50 azaleas amongst your older plantings and do feel free to send more photos to me at any time.

Best wishes,

Polly