

CAMELLIA FLOWER BLIGHT SURVEY

At the Camellia Memorial Trust's meeting on 3 October, a suggestion was made to try and create a database of observations concerning camellias varieties or hybrids that have been noted to show resistance to camellia flower blight. This is because we know from Christine Taylor's work that there are species showing resistance, and furthermore a list has been compiled by Neville Haydon under the auspices of the Trust, of varieties with resistant camellias in their parentage. (The list is available at www.nzcamelliasociety.co.nz, by clicking on "Camellia Trust" and then "Hybrid List".) This obviously does not mean that the progeny show resistance. Hence, to provide background data for future scientific research we are inviting anyone who would like to participate to provide the following information:

Name of variety or hybrid

Indication of whether it is (1) resistant, (2) partially resistant or (3) susceptible to flower blight in your environment

Your location

Your name

Please forward these observations to:

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He will then collate the data and see if there are any consistent trends throughout the country.