

## Heritage Irish Plants Plandai Oidreacht

Brendan Sayers and Paddy Tobin (Eds.)  
Irish Society of Botanical Artists and Irish Garden  
Plant Society. 2016  
Pages. Card bound. ISBN: 978-0-9928693-1-1  
€25



Readers may muse that a review of a book such as this is not for *Irish Forestry*. However, though not a book about trees or forestry, it is, nevertheless a worthy candidate for anyone with an interest in the finer botanical details of Irish garden plants or their conservation.

As its title suggests this book deals with what is termed *Heritage Plants*. Paddy Tobin in his introduction talks of “plants bred, raised or which happily occurred here in Ireland” as the subject matter of the book.

There are eight articles written by different authors and fifty eight artists provide the accompanying illustrations. While the articles are well written and very informative, it is the botanical art which sets this book apart. To say that most of the illustrations are exquisite is an understatement. The variety of plants illustrated is complimented by the varying styles and artistic skill of the artists. Readers of *Irish Forestry* will also be interested to see the inclusion of a number of woody species.

This publication is further enhanced by the quality of the paper used and the superb printing which occurred in Ireland.

Buy this book. You won't be disappointed!

**Note:** this book was launched on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and as a consequence the opportunity for reviewing has been short.

Kevin Hutchinson