



1



2



3



4



5

late MAY



6



7



8



9



10



11



12



13



14



15

# late MAY



Mid-late rhododendrons typically peak during the last two weeks of May. The end of the main rhododendron season is usually around now, although if the weather isn't too hot or too rainy, it may be extended slightly. Summer flowering vines such as honeysuckle and clematis begin to come into bloom now, too.

Images on reverse:

- 1 *Magnolia wilsonii*
- 2 *Rhododendron* 'Sappho'
- 3 *Rhododendron* 'Haydn'
- 4 *Rhododendron* 'Naomi Nautilus'
- 5 *Rhododendron* 'Mrs. Furnival'
- 6&10 *Rhododendron mollis*
- 7 *Rhododendron* 'May Day'
- 8 *Rhododendron* 'Whitney's Orange'
- 9 *Lonicera x heckrottii*
- 11 *Rhododendron loderi* 'King George'
- 12 *Rhododendron* 'Mrs. J. G. Millais'
- 13 *Rhododendron yedoense* var. *poukhanense*
- 14 *Rhododendron* 'Psyche'
- 15 *Rhododendron* 'Blue Peter'



1 *Magnolia wilsonii*

*Magnolia wilsonii* is a rather unique magnolia with large, showy, pendulous flowers. These flowers are pure white with a purple centre and have a sweet, almost lemony scent. During its peak blooming period in the late spring, Wilson's magnolia is best viewed from immediately below, where one can gaze directly up into the downwards-hanging flowers.

2 *Rhododendron* 'Sappho'

'Sappho' has medium-sized white flowers with a dark purple blotch that are held in fairly dense and rounded trusses. It is a sturdy rhododendron, but has a tendency to become leggy.

3 *Rhododendron* 'Haydn'

*Rhododendron* 'Haydn' is deciduous azalea named after the Hungarian composer Joseph Haydn. In late May it become literally covered in delicate white flowers.

4 *Rhododendron* 'Naomi Nautilus'

The 'Naomi' series of hybrid rhododendrons are amongst the most elegant of all. 'Naomi Nautilus' is prized for its extraordinary flowers, which are both large and wide and are a colour somewhere between pale pink, peach and cream, with a trace of soft greenish yellow in the throat.

5 *Rhododendron* 'Mrs. Furnival'

'Mrs. Furnival' has large pink flowers with a burgundy blotch on the upper petal, and drooping leaves. It looks very similar to *Rhododendron* 'Mrs. G.W. Leak'; the two can be told apart by their bloom periods. 'Mrs. G. W. Leak' flowers two weeks earlier than 'Mrs. Furnival' and has a slightly darker blotch.

6&10 *Rhododendron x kosteranum*

Mollis azalea, as *Rhododendron x kosteranum* is commonly known, is extremely showy, producing vivid yellow, orange and red blooms in late May. It is extremely hardy and will eventually grow to be about two metres tall.

7 *Rhododendron* 'May Day'

'May Day' is another heavy bloomer. For most of the month of May, true to its name, 'May Day' will be a curtain of red, its tubular-campanulate flowers drooping in dense fan-like trusses. This plant also features attractive matte green leaves that have thick, fuzzy, cinnamon brown indumentum on their undersides. 'May Day' has a rather dishevelled habit, and will grow wider than it will tall.

8 *Rhododendron* 'Whitney's Orange'

'Whitney's Orange' is one of the best orange flowers to be found amongst rhododendrons. It has widely funnel-shaped coral pink-orange flowers with a reddish-orange blotch and wavy margins, which are held in trusses of about 15 flowers. It

also has moss-green leaves and a low growth habit with decumbent branches.

#### 9 *Lonicera x heckrottii*

The tubular pink and orange flowers of golden-flame honeysuckle begin to open in late May. It has relatively long and narrow leaves, and can be found twinning itself through the fence along the south edge of the golf course.

#### 11 *Rhododendron* 'Loderi King George'

The Loderi group of rhododendrons are amongst the most popular ever cultivated. They are characterized by wide pale pink or white flowers that are held in large prolific trusses. 'King George' has an open habit and large leaves, and fragrant pink flowers that eventually fade to white.

#### 12 *Rhododendron* 'Mrs. J. G. Millais'

*Rhododendron* 'Mrs. J. G. Millais' has pale pink flowers with a greenish yellow blotch. These open very wide, almost flat, and are held in dense rounded trusses.

#### 13 *Rhododendron yedoense* var. *poukhanense*

The broadly funnel-shaped flowers of *Rhododendron yedoense* var. *poukhanense* are lavender-coloured, fragrant and held in clusters of two to three. It is semi-evergreen, and will lose some, but not all of its leaves during the winter.

#### 14 *Rhododendron* 'Psyche'

'Psyche' is a late-flowering *Rhododendron williamsianum* hybrid, with many wide, pale pink flowers appearing towards the end of May, against relatively small, rounded leaves.

#### 15 *Rhododendron* 'Blue Peter'

'Blue Peter' has lavender purple flowers with a

dark maroon blotch in the throat which are held in large, upright trusses. It has large, glossy green leaves.