New Corokia cultivar 'Mona's Magic'

Guild member Mona Abboud shares news of a new Corokia from her North London garden



Mona Abboud



Corokia x virgata 'Mona's Magic'

As the National Collection Holder of Corokia, I am proud to announce the arrival of a brand new cultivar, which appeared in my garden a year ago. Having scoured the length and breadth of Southern England and travelled as far afield as Holland and Brittany in France in search of elusive Corokia hybrids, it was a wonderful surprise to have one appear in my own garden!

It is definitely a *Corokia* x *virgata* cultivar, displaying a glossy bronze foliage in winter. The distinctive spear-shaped leaves are unique, not to be found in any other member of this genus.

It is to be named *Corokia* x *virgata* 'Mona's Magic', a name given by horticulturist Paul Boosey. His grandfather Graham Hutchins was the great plant explorer and pioneer who brought back many corokias from New Zealand, and subsequently bred them. I dedicated my book *Corokia - My Adventure*, published in February 2020, to both Graham and Paul. With this new cultivar, I am attempting to walk in Graham's footsteps.

If you are interested in visiting Mona's garden, which is home to her National Collection of Corokia, you can get in touch with Mona directly on: 07913775634

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