

# The seed list 2013/2014

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The BCSS Seed Purchaser introduces the new seed list which accompanies this issue of *CactusWorld*.

After two dreadful summers we have finally had a 'normal' one, although spring was rather late and short. The effect of this is that seed production has been extremely poor and donations had almost completely dried up. I am glad to report that in the last couple of months donations have finally started to arrive, hopefully signalling a return to normality. We welcome donations of all types of succulent species but please contact me first to discuss what you propose to offer.

This year's list has many attractive species and should have something of interest for everyone. A few worth mentioning are *Hoodia pilifera* subsp. *annulata* (syn. *Trichocaulon annulatum*), various interesting forms of *Ariocarpus retusus* and a couple of *Lophophora*.

An item almost never seen for sale is *Eriosyce laui* (syn. *Rimacactus laui*) (Fig. 1). A distinctive and slow growing species, this is ideal for those looking for a real challenge.



Fig. 1 *Eriosyce laui* (syn. *Rimacactus laui*) (Photo: Roy Mottram)

*Bulbine semibarbata* is an Australian annual that was supplied on the Society seed list many years ago. David Johnson bought that seed and has not only kept it going over the years but has also managed to naturalise it in his garden (Fig. 2). David has provided a lot of seed so anyone buying this will receive more than enough to try it in both a pot and the garden.



Fig. 2 *Bulbine semibarbata* (Photo: David Johnson)



Fig. 3 *Lithops* 'Moss Agate' (Photo: Jonathan Clark)