

# *Tradescantia* cultivar registration

This form is to register a new cultivar of *Tradescantia*. Before you start, make sure you're ready:

- Is your cultivar distinct, stable, and uniform? It should be different from any cultivar that already exists, and it should maintain its characteristics when propagated. Be particularly mindful of the fact that many *Tradescantia*s vary widely in different growing conditions, and what seems to be a new sport could be within the natural variation of an existing cultivar.
- Decide what name you want to give the cultivar. The name will be checked to make sure it follows the rules, which you can read here: [ishs.org/sites/default/files/static/ScriptaHorticulturae\\_18.pdf](https://ishs.org/sites/default/files/static/ScriptaHorticulturae_18.pdf). Or in simplified form here: [tradescantia.uk/article/naming-rules](https://tradescantia.uk/article/naming-rules).
- Gather information about where your cultivar came from and how it was created. Who bred or found it? Who chose the name? Who introduced it into cultivation by selling or distributing it?
- Take lots of quality photos of the plant, making sure to show any characteristics that distinguish it from other similar plants. In submitting photos as part of a registration application you agree, as copyright holder, to their use by the ICRA for *Tradescantia* for scientific or educational purposes in relation to the registration and correct naming of plants, in electronic and hardcopy media.
- It's a good idea (but not required) to send a sample of the plant for documentation. Ideally this would be a fresh, live sample that can be compared to other living plants of similar cultivars in order to describe it. This will be used to make a herbarium specimen to define a nomenclatural standard for the cultivar.
- Your cultivar will be published and formally established after you register it with the ICRA, but this might take some time. If you want to be sure your name gets priority, you may want to publish it yourself immediately after registering.
- Be aware that your name and address will be stored permanently in the cultivar register, along with the names and addresses of anyone else involved with the cultivar. Your name, city, and country (but not full address) will also be published online and in hardcopy.

If you have any questions about the process or would like any help with completing the form, contact [hello@tradescantia.uk](mailto:hello@tradescantia.uk) for advice.

If you don't know any answers, you can leave those parts blank. If you need more space, you can expand the document or send extra pages.

# Section 1 - About the name

**Cultivar epithet (Tradescantia '\_\_\_\_\_').**

If the epithet is in a different alphabet, please also include a Latin transliteration.

**How was the epithet chosen?**

For example, was it named after a person or place?

**Has the cultivar been named and described in a hardcopy publication?**

If so, please give a full reference (title, author, date).

**Has the cultivar been given statutory protection (plant breeders' rights or a plant patent) anywhere in the world?**

If so, please list all protections and specify patent or application numbers.

**Are there any trade names used to sell the plant?**

If so, please list them all.

# Section 2 - About the plant

## Species

If it's a hybrid or unknown species, be as precise as possible - for example, the subgenus, cultivar group, or cross.

## How was the plant created?

- Sport mutation
- Selective-bred seedling
- Uncontrolled seedling
- Other (please specify):

## When was the plant created?

At least the year, if you know it.

## What other plant(s) did it originate from?

For seedlings, give the seed and pollen parents if known. For sports, give the original cultivar that mutated.

## How is the cultivar propagated to maintain its characteristics?

Tick all that apply.

- Asexually (cuttings or divisions)
- Sexually (seeds)

## Has the cultivar received any awards?

If so, list them with dates and awarding bodies.

## Section 3 - Describe the plant

**Growth habit, overall size and shape.**

**Leaf size and shape.**

**Leaf colour.**

Specify any variegated patterns. If possible, use a colour standard like the RHS colour chart or Pantone values.

**Flower size, shape, colour, and frequency.**

If possible, use a colour standard like the RHS colour chart or Pantone values.

**List any similar cultivars or species, and describe how the new cultivar is distinguished from them.**

# Section 4 - About the people

**The registrant (whoever's filling in this form).**

Name.

Address.

**The originator (whoever selected or created the plant).**

Name.

Address.

**The nominant (whoever chose the epithet).**

Name.

Address.

**The introducer (whoever first sold or distributed the plant).**

Name.

Address.

# Section 5 - Declarations

**Tick to confirm you agree.**

- I own the copyright of the photos I am sending, and I agree for them to be published with credit to me.
- I give permission for my name and address to be permanently stored with the private cultivar register.
- I give permission for my name, city, and country to be published with the public cultivar register.
- Anyone else I named in this form has given permission for their names and addresses to be permanently stored with the private cultivar register.

**Sign**

**Date**

**Contact email**

**Send this completed form, along with photos of the plant, to:  
[hello@tradescantia.uk](mailto:hello@tradescantia.uk).**

Or by post to: Avery Rowe, Unit 83281, PO Box 92, Cardiff, CF11 1NB.

**Don't send a plant sample yet - wait to be contacted to make arrangements.**

**We'll be in touch soon to talk about your registration!**