

**OUR NATIONAL PLANT  
COLLECTION RHODODENDRONS**

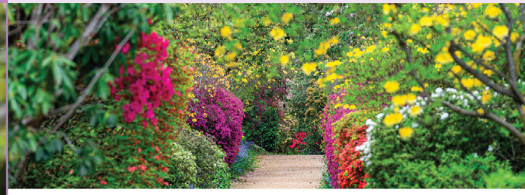


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**DISCOVER OUR EXPANSIVE COLLECTION OF RARE  
RHODODENDRONS**

Sir Edmund Loder started breeding his collection of Loderi hybrids at Leonardslee in 1901, with the first specimen flowering in 1907. He continued this work until his death in 1920, after which his family continued to produce further hybrids. Leonardslee is not only the home of the original collection, it is also the only location to see all these plants in one place.



**1 R. 'Loderi Sir Joseph Hooker' Mid - Late Spring**

Original Loderi by Sir Edmund Loder in 1901. Large, fragrant white flowers with green/grey centres, named after plant hunter Joseph Hooker.

**2 R. 'Prince Charming' Early Spring**

Rare, deep pink flowers with speckles. This endangered beauty flowers before the leaves emerge.

**3 R. 'Seamew' Early Spring**

Pale pink flowers fading to white, with a light scent. This rare and endangered cultivar is the only specimen at Leonardslee.

**4 R. 'Pride of Leonardslee' Mid Spring**

Deep pink blooms fading to mauve in the centre, considered the best clone of its cross. This endangered hybrid was created by Sir Edmund Loder by crossing R. fortunei and R. thomsonii.

**5 R. 'Loderi Georgette' Mid - Late Spring**

Sir Edmund Loder created this second-generation hybrid by crossing 'Loderi King George' with 'Loderi Sir Edmund'. This plant stands out from the others with its rich and vivid pink flowers, which are considered the best pink among the Loderi varieties, making it a beautiful addition to Leonardslee.

**6 R. 'Pink Glory' Early - Mid Spring**

Blush pink flowers stained with rose. This vulnerable cultivar is a sister seedling to White Glory.

**7 R. 'Glory of Leonardslee' Early Spring**

Huge, vibrant strawberry-red flowers. This endangered plant, the sole specimen in the gardens, is an early 20th-century hybrid.

**8 R. 'Guardsman' Early Spring**

Bright scarlet flowers like a guardsman's uniform. This unique plant, possibly only found at Leonardslee, was created around 1950 by Sir Giles Loder.

**9 R. 'White Glory' Early - Mid Spring**

Pure white flowers with crimson spots. This vulnerable cultivar, a sister seedling to Pink Glory, is endangered.

**10 R. 'Loderi Pink Coral' Mid - Late Spring**

Raised by Sir Edmund Loder in 1901, this massive specimen is the original plant of this Loderi hybrid. Shell pink flowers fading to white, strong scent.

**11 R. 'Loderi King George' Mid - Late Spring**

The most famous of the Loderi forms, raised in 1901 by Sir Edmund and named after King George V of England. Large pink buds of fragrant white flowers with faint green rays. This particular specimen is the original plant, making it over 120 years old.



Loderi 'King George' was one of 17 Rhododendron plants chosen by the RHS as a gift to King Charles III to commemorate his coronation in 2023. Selected to represent the history of the Rhododendron, these plants are now found at the royal Sandringham Estate.



**12 R. 'The Dowager' Early Spring**

Raised by Lady Loder from an unusual cross between R. arboreum and R. 'Muriel' (also a Leonardslee hybrid), it was also named after her. Trusses of pale orchid-pink blooms, whiter at the edges and with some speckling.

**13 R. 'Muriel' Early - Mid Spring**

Impressive foliage and huge dense trusses of cream flowers with a purple blotch in the centre. This endangered, striking plant was created by Sir Edmund Loder.

**14 R. 'Jubilee Queen' Mid Spring**

Large white flowers with a hint of rose-pink. This large shrub was created by Lady Loder in 1935 and is one of the endangered plants in our National Collection.

**15 R. 'Loder's White' Mid - Late Spring**

Large, white flowers edged pink with crimson spots and attractive purplish bark. This R. griffithianum hybrid was sent to Sir Edmund Loder who raised and distributed the resulting plants and the cross was then named after him.



**16 R. 'Leonardslee Brilliant' Mid Spring**

Red flower clusters with peeling bark. This rare, endangered hybrid between R. 'Halopeanum' and R. thomsonii was created by Sir Edmund Loder and it is highly likely only found here at Leonardslee.

**17 R. 'Sunkist' Mid - Late Spring**

Pink-tinged white flowers with red-purple peeling bark. This endangered plant is a spectacular creation by Sir Edmund Loder, backcrossing 'Loderi Pink Diamond' with R. griffithianum.

**18 R. 'Leonardslee Primrose' Early Spring**

Delicate primrose-yellow flowers with maroon spots inside. This endangered, fascinating hybrid created by Sir Edmund Loder is rarely found outside these gardens.

**19 R. 'Gay Lady' Mid Spring**

Rose-pink flowers with attractive reddish bark. This rare hybrid, bred by Lady Loder in 1938, is considered endangered in cultivation.

**20 R. 'Loderi Venus' Mid - Late Spring**

This is the original plant raised by Sir Edmund Loder from the cross he made in 1901. Fragrant, light pink flowers fading to white with green and coral markings.

**21 R. 'Loki' Early Spring**

Raised as a seedling from R. 'Cornubia' by Sir Edmund Loder, this tall hybrid has large wide leaves and from mid-March carries big round trusses of crimson flowers. One of our plants listed as endangered by Plant Heritage and is unlikely to be found anywhere else.

**22 R. 'Sussex Bonfire' Mid Spring**

Many small blood red flowers. This uncommon and vulnerable hybrid, bred by Lady Loder, is the only plant at Leonardslee.

**23 R. 'Red Glow' Early - Mid Spring**

Red and orange bark with translucent ruby-red flowers. This endangered hybrid, a cross between R. 'Halopeanum' and R. thomsonii, was raised by Sir Edmund Loder.



**24 R. 'Loderi Dairymaid' Mid - Late Spring**

Large, creamy white flowers with a green blotch (visible when fallen due to its height). This is possibly the original plant due to its size and is over 100 years old, raised by Sir Edmund Loder.

**25 R. 'Loderi Game Chick' Late Spring**

Pale blush-pink flowers with a distinctive floral scent. This large, original plant of a rare Loderi form was bred by Sir Edmund Loder in 1901.

**26 R. 'Loderi Patience' Mid - Late Spring**

Named by Sir Edmund Loder after his daughter, this uncommon form of Loderi has white blooms with a crimson and green flash in the center. This cultivar is listed as vulnerable in cultivation.

**27 R. 'Loderi White Diamond' Mid - Late Spring**

This is one of the earliest named forms of Loderi, created by Sir Edmund in 1901. The plant first flowered in 1907 and showcases large trusses of scented ivory white flowers with a faint blotch in the centre. Despite its long history and significance, this plant is now considered vulnerable in cultivation.

**28 R. 'Loderi Pink Topaz' Mid-spring**

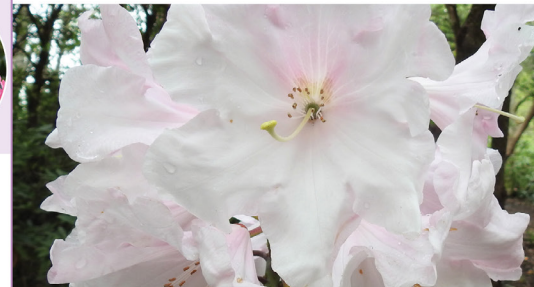
This is one of the most distinctive Loderi cultivars, having masses of rose-pink blooms with a large green blotch in the centre. It can reach tree-like proportions and its remarkable scent makes it a showstopper

**29 R. 'Loderi Princess Marina' Mid - Late Spring**

Dainty, second-generation Loderi with pale pink flowers turning white. Vulnerable and smaller than other Loderi.

**30 R. 'Loderi Sir Edmund' Mid - Late Spring**

One of the largest and pinkest Loderi, named after Sir Edmund Loder by his wife. First flowered after his death in 1920.



**31 R. 'Loderi Pink Diamond' Mid - Late Spring**

Raised by Sir Edmund Loder from the original Loderi batch in 1901. The plant first flowered in 1907.

This particular specimen was planted here to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, along with other Loderi varieties.

It produces large, pale pink flowers with a crimson and brown blotch in the center. The blooms are strongly scented.



**32 R. 'Mrs C. Whitner' 🌸 Mid – Late Spring**

Shrimp-pink, trumpet-shaped flowers with a light scent. This very rare and endangered hybrid is named after the life of a mid-20th-century head gardener at Leonardslee.

**33 R. 'Leonardslee Giles' 🌸 Mid Spring**

Deep pink flowers fading to white, with a touch of brown speckling. This rare and vulnerable plant was raised by Sir Edmund Loder.

**34 R. 'White Lady' 🌸 Mid – Late Spring**

Large, pure white, fragrant flowers. This vulnerable, large-flowered hybrid is the only specimen at Leonardslee.

**35 R. 'Leonardslee Shot Silk' 🌸 Late Spring – Early Summer**

Sir Edmund Loder's favourite late-flowering hybrid. Bell-shaped flowers in coral-pink & fawn-orange with speckles. Sir Edmund never had it officially named so in 2023 we registered the name with the RHS to safeguard the plant for the future.



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