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THE COVER FLOWER

C. reticulata 'William Hertrich'

C. reticulata 'William Hertrich' is the first reticulata seedling to be introduced since the group of reticulatas was imported from China in 1948. It is fitting that this seedling would be propagated by Howard Asper who had such an active part in bringing along the new importations after they arrived at Descanso. The plant is a vigorous upright grower with dull green foliage. Color of the flower is a vigorous red (HCC Cherry 722), with the blooms ranging in size from 5½ to 6¾ inches. Flowering time is midseason. The seed parent is 'Lion Head' (open pollination), and Mr. Asper says that all points concerning the new seedling are an improvement over the parent.