

40406 to 40496—Continued.

Several varieties of this species so well known as the 'black currant' of fruit gardens have been distinguished. The varieties *dissectum* and *laciniatum* are curious and interesting, but no others are worth cultivation as ornamental shrubs." (W. J. Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 405.)

40469. "7350 G. Var. *korolkowi*."

See S. P. I. No. 40468 for description.

40470. RIBES ORIENTALE Desf.

Currant.

"7365."

"An unarmed deciduous shrub 5 or 6 feet high; young shoots and leaf-stalks covered with stiff gland-tipped sticky hairs. Leaves of the red-currant size and shape, but shining green and with bristly down on the nerves beneath; stalk one-half to 1 inch long. Flowers unisexual, the sexes on different plants, and produced on somewhat erect racemes 1 to 2 inches long; they are green suffused with red and covered with viscid hairs; berries red, downy. Native of eastern Europe and western Asia. The *R. resinosum* of Pursh, until recently regarded as a native of North America, and figured as such in Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 1538; is really this species. It has little garden value, but is distinct in its unisexual flowers, very viscid glands, and erect racemes." (W. J. Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 406.)

40471. RIBES OXYACANTHOIDES L.

Gooseberry.

"7480."

"Is widely spread over North America. It has bristly branches, the leaves are downy, and more or less glandular, the stamens as long as the petals; the ovary, calyx, and berry smooth, the last red-purple." (W. J. Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 402.)

40472 and 40473. RIBES PETRAEUM Wulf.

Red currant.

40472. "7430."

"Another of the red-currant group, widely spread in a state of nature in Europe and North Africa. It has no value as an ornamental shrub, its flowers being green suffused with purple, somewhat bell shaped, in horizontal or slightly nodding racemes, 3 or 4 inches long. The leaves are more deeply lobed than in the common red currant, the lobes pointed. Fruit roundish, flattened somewhat at the end, red, very acid." (W. J. Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 409.)

40473. "7430 C. Var. *rigens*."

Red currant.

See S. P. I. No. 40472 for description.

40474. RIBES PETRAEUM × MULTIFLORUM.

Red currant.

"7545."

For a description of this species, see S. P. I. No. 40472.

40475. RIBES TRISTE Pallas.

"7440." This was received as *R. propinquum* Turcz.

40476. × RIBES ROBUSTUM Jancz.

Gooseberry.

"7520."

"A hybrid between *R. niveum* and *R. oxycanthoides*. It is a very vigorous bush and was received at Kew in 1890 from the late Mr. Nye-