

Ultra rapid seedlings in flower

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At the Sacramento Convention in 2017, Steve Hampson had a lovely pot filled with the bulbocodium 'Julia Jane' in full bloom. Also at the convention were a few cut flowers of John Reed's 'Red Envy' one of the reddest cupped flowers I have ever seen. After getting permission from both growers I applied the 'Red Envy' pollen to about half of the 'Julia Jane' flowers. Only the pollinated flowers made pods. I collected a large amount of seed and planted it in my usual square 4" pots in July of 2017. Normally I leave seedlings in the same pots for two or occasionally three years.

To my great surprise I noticed flower buds appearing in late November of 2018. The narrow leaves, themselves suggested that the seedlings were pure bulbocodium. The flowers started opening in mid-December. The plants are flowering 18 months following seed sowing.



Ta-Julia seedlings.

Bulbocodiums are an obvious choice for beginner hybridizers who are impatient.