

A BIBLICAL GARDENJ. Mackinder

A pleasant half hour can be spent at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Symonds St, where a well labelled biblical garden has been planted. The garden is full of surprises. Many of the plant names in the Bible are quite different from the common names used today. Those with well known names, without any surprises, are: barley, bay tree, beans, box tree, bramble or briar, cedar of Lebanon, cucumber, fig, flax, garlic, leeks, mustard, myrtle, onions, palm, plane tree, pomegranate, wheat. Names which are less well known or less obvious are listed as they appear on the labels. Some are not quite right, others are clearly wrong (here marked *). References used were:

Walker, Winifred, 1968; All the Plants in the Bible.

Appendix in Holy Bible, Oxford University Press; Botany of the Bible.

Baker, Richard St Barbe, 1974; Famous Trees of Bible Lands.

<u>Biblical</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>Botanical</u>
anise	dill	Anethum graveolens
apples of gold	apricot	Prunus armeniaca
bitter herbs	dandelion	Taraxacum officinale
bulrush	papyrus	Cyperus papyrus
dove's dung	Star of Bethlehem	Ornithogalum umbellatum
gall	oriental poppy	Papaver orientalis
goodly fruit	citron	Citrus medica
gopher wood	Italian cypress	Cupressus semperv. fastigiata
gourd	castor oil plant	Ricinus communis
hyssop (OT)	marjoram	Origanum maru
hyssop (NT)	sorgham	Sorgham vulgare
Judas tree	redbud	Cercis siliquastrum
juniper	Spanish broom	Cytisus alba
locusts, husks	carob	Ceratonia siliqua
melon	watermelon	Citrullus vulgaris
mint	peppermint	Mentha longifolia *
oak	holm oak	Quercus pseudococcifera *
rose	jonquil	Narcissus tazetta
rose	oleander	Nerium oleander
rose of Sharon	Sharon tulip	Tulipa sharonensis
shittah tree	acacia	Acacia drummondii *
sycamore	sycamore fig	Ficus benjamini
tenebenth	pistache	Pistacia vera *
the vine	grapes	Vitis vinifera

PLANT EXCHANGE

We have received a letter from Graham Walker at the DSIR, Mt Albert, asking us to print a request from Dr Paul Dessart, in Belgium, who is very interested in Botany and is keen to exchange a few characteristic plants of New Zealand and Western Europe with an interested amateur in New Zealand. His address is:

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