

A BIOGRAPHY OF G. ARGENT

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A biographic summary of the research of Dr Graham Charles George Argent (born 15 May 1941, died 24 April 2019) is presented, summarising his research career. Expedition information, including dates, collection number series and the names of collaborators, is given, as is a list of his publications, annotated with taxonomic decisions and the names of new species described within them.

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INTRODUCTION

In the previous volume of the *Edinburgh Journal of Botany*, a short note (Wilkie, 2019b) was published to commemorate Dr Graham Charles George Argent, who died on 24 April 2019. In that, it was indicated that a more detailed account of his scientific activities and outputs would be published in the next volume of the journal. Several obituaries have been published, giving a more personal perspective on his life (Anonymous, 2019a; Anonymous, 2019b; Mair & Thompson, 2019; Rouse, 2019; Schepker, 2019; Steven, 2019; Wilkie, 2019a). Here, we have collated as much factual information about his travels, collections and publications as has been possible, so that this paper can act as a reference to those who may wish to build on his research.

BACKGROUND

Known as George to the botanical community, he was appointed as tropical botanist on the staff of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) on 7 January 1974. After completing an undergraduate degree in botany from the University of Leicester (1963), he obtained a Ph.D. on the taxonomy of West African mosses (1969) from the University College of North Wales, Bangor (now Bangor University), while working as a research assistant (1963–1969) to Professor Paul W. Richards. He subsequently secured a position as research fellow for the New Guinea Biological Foundation from 1969 to 1973, to collect and study the genetic diversity of bananas (*Musa* spp.). During this period, he travelled widely in Papua New Guinea and collected more than 200 cultivars, which he subsequently propagated and studied at the experimental station of the Papua New Guinea Institute of Technology. He also made extensive collections of mosses throughout this time.

On appointment to RBGE, he commenced his research on the plant family Ericaceae, in particular the tropical ‘vireya’ rhododendrons from Southeast Asia. Over the next 40 years, he authored more than 130 new species, varieties and combinations from a

range of plant families, and published more than 100 scientific papers, culminating in his seminal book *Rhododendrons of Subgenus Vireya*, covering some 300 species. This was first published in 2006, with a second edition produced in 2015. In addition to his taxonomic research, he was leader of the botany team for the Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, jointly funded by the Indonesian Forestry Department and the UK government Department for International Development. The programme ran between 1991 and 1997 and resulted in a two-volume publication on the trees of Central Kalimantan and the sampling and identification of more than 9000 trees from 15 hectares of lowland rain forest.

George retired from the staff of RBGE in January 2004 but continued to publish scientific papers describing new species from the Philippines, Laos and Indonesia, a checklist of Musaceae and Ericaceae of New Guinea, and a major paper on the *Vaccinium* of Borneo covering 42 species, ten of which were new to science.

THE VIREYA COLLECTION

George is rightly recognised as the major driving force behind and contributor to the world-renowned RBGE collection of vireya rhododendrons. RBGE currently cultivates 210 of the approximate 300 species of *Rhododendron* subg. *Vireya*. The collection comprises almost 2000 plants from 902 unique accessions, a third of which (335) were collected on trips in which he was involved.

Particularly important aspects of the collection are that 93% of the plants are of known wild provenance and that it covers the geographical range of the group, with approximately 40% from Indonesia, 25% from Malaysia, 20% from Papua New Guinea, 15% from the Philippines and the remainder covering the fringes of the group. Today, 201 taxa, nearly two-thirds of vireyas, are of conservation concern, but only 66 of these are found in *ex situ* cultivation anywhere in the world. The RBGE, in no small part due to the efforts of George, RBGE horticultural staff and botanists from across the tropics, is home to 63 of these 66 taxa.

PLANT-COLLECTING EXPEDITIONS

In collaboration with in-country experts, George undertook more than 50 expeditions, mostly across the tropics, bringing back thousands of preserved herbarium collections and introducing more than 2000 living plants to research and display collections.

1960–1963: Undergraduate, University of Leicester

1961 *Cambridge Expedition to East Greenland*

Collecting dates: vii – ix 1961.

Collected with: Sandy Hall, David Marris, Russell Marris, Malcolm Ogilvie, Mr Webbe.

Collection numbers: AH3–AH8.

Notes: Marris ornithological and botanical expedition. Collecting areas: Antarctic Dal, Antarctic Havn, Carlsberg Fjord, Fleming Fjord, Gurreholm, Gurreholm, Jamesonland, Mesters Vig, Ørsted Dal, Schuchert Flød.

- 1962 *University of Leicester Expedition to East Greenland*
 Collecting dates: 13 vii – 17 viii 1962.
 Collected with: Trevor Elkington, Geoffrey Halliday, Jill Halliday.
 Collection numbers: A1–A19, AR1–AR283, H1–H38.
 Notes: Collecting areas: Mestersvig (airstrip), Traill Ø.
- 1963 *Cambridge Expedition to East Greenland*
 Collecting dates: vii – ix 1963.
 Collected with: Martin Halliday, Russell Marris.
 Collection numbers: AR334–AR476.
 Notes: Marris ornithological and botanical expedition. Collecting areas: Fleming Fjord, Jamesonland, Mesters Vig, upper Ørsted Dal.
- 1963–1969: Research assistant to P. W. Richards and Ph.D. student, University College of North Wales, Bangor*
- 1965 *University College, Bangor Expedition to Cameroon*
 Collecting dates: 21 x – 26 xi 1965.
 Collection numbers: AR500–AR969.
 Notes: Part of Argent's Ph.D. studies. Collecting areas: Kumba, Little Mount Cameroon, Mount Cameroon.
- 1966–1967 *Ireland and UK*
 Collecting dates: 21 viii 1966 – 24 iv 1967.
 Collection numbers: AR1001–AR1371.
 Notes: For the British Bryological Society.
- 1967–1968 *Royal Society–Royal Geographical Society's Xavantina–Cachimbo [Mato Grosso] Expedition, Brazil*
 Collecting dates and collection numbers: 8 ix – 24 x 1967: 6300–6758; 22 x – 12 xi 1967: 6300–6413; 1 vii – 30 ix 1968: 2150–2212; 20–27 ix 1968: 100–179.
 Collected with: J. Ramos, P. W. Richards, R. Souza.
 Notes: Collected under *Paul Richard* number set (PWR).
 RBGE collecting code: ARRARS.
- 1969–1973: Research fellow, New Guinea Biological Foundation*
- 1970–1972 *Papua New Guinea*
 Collecting dates and collection numbers: 10 vi – 26 viii 1970: NGBF1003–NGBF1039; 25 x 1970 – 16 vi 1971: NGBF1041–NGBF1097; 16 vi 1971 – 27 iv 1972: NGBF1098–NGBF1118; 4 vii 1971 – 10 xii 1972: NGBF1201–NGBF1240.
 Collected with: S. Argent, M. Coode, C. Jermy, R. Johns.

Notes: NGBF = Department of Forest numbers. Collections deposited in the Papua New Guinea Forest Research Institute herbarium (LAE). Some also in RBGE herbarium (E) (as yet unmounted). Mosses collected under a different number series. See Argent collecting note folders in RBGE archives.

RBGE collecting code: CJA.

1974–2004: RBGE staff member

- 1974 *Lancaster University Expedition to Northeast Greenland*
 Collecting dates: 14 vii – 4 viii 1974.
 Collected with: S. Argent, G. Halliday, D. Spicer.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1–141; Living: L1–L26.
 Notes: Collecting area: Mesters Vig.
 RBGE collecting code: GSMA.
- 1975 *RBGE Expedition to Papua New Guinea (Musa and Ericaceae)*
 Collecting dates: 4–19 v 1975.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1/15–25/15, 1/16–37/16, 1/18–61/18, 1/19–12/19, 1/20–7/20, 1/28–35/28 (collection number/date in May collected); Living: L1–L109, LB1–LB54.
 Notes: Collector numbers may also be in the form 9/28 or 9/28575 (last 5 digits are date, month, year).
- 1976 *Los Tayos Expedition to Ecuador*
 Collecting dates: 30 vi – 15 viii 1976.
 Collected with: B. Burbidge, T. de Vries.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1–547; Living: 2327–2405.
 Notes: Expedition report in RBGE Argent archives. Collections under *B. Burbidge* may be wrongly labelled.
 RBGE collecting codes: ARBUDF, ARGBU.
- 1977–1978 *Royal Geographical Society's Mulu Expedition, Sarawak*
 Collecting dates: 29 x – 26 xi 1977, 30 iii – 12 v 1978.
 Collected with: P. Chai, B. Coppins, C. A. Jermy, R. Kerby, S. Leche, Lieng, Nagang, J. Proctor, Siduk.
 Collection numbers: 600–1216.
 Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.
 RBGE collecting codes: ACJ, ACJC, AKLC, AKLLC, AKS, ARGCO, ARGJE, ARGKE, GRSD, RGSME.

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- 1980 *RBGE–Sabah National Parks Sabah Expedition*
Collecting dates: 16 ii – 5 iv 1980.
Collected with: Ampal, A. Lamb, A. Phillipps, P. Walpole.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1300–1648; Living: 1146–1420.
Notes: Expedition report in Argent archives.
RBGE collecting codes: APA, ARLA, ARW, ARWPA.
- 1982 *RBGE Expedition to Gunung Lotung, Sabah and Gunung Bunga, Sarawak*
Collecting dates: 26 ii – 19 iii 1982, 24–31 iii 1982.
Collected with: I. W. J. Sinclair.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 26 ii 1982 (Semenggoh Forest Reserve): 821–825; 28 ii 1982 (Bau): 826–828a; 1 iii 1982 (Gunung Serapi): 829–8227; 4 iii 1982 (Gunung Bunga Range): 8210–8251; 13 iii 1992 (Bako National Park): 8252–8273; 15 iii 1982 (Gunung Santubong): 8274–8285; 17 iii 1982 (Gunung Buri): 8286–82108; 19 iii 1982 (Gunung Garu): 82109–82110; 24 iii 1982 (Gunung Lotung): 821–825. *Argent* seed and plant accession numbers: 821492–821536; *Sinclair & Argent* seed and plant accession numbers: 820701–820917.
Notes: The first two digits refer to the year. Sinclair collected under his own number series.
RBGE collecting code: SIA.
- 1983 *UNICAMP–RBGE Cerrados of São Paulo State*
Collecting dates: 4 xi – 9 xii 1983.
Collected with: D. de Rocha, P. Gibbs, Leitão Filho, L. Macias, J. A. Ratter, J. Semir, G. Shepherd, J. Tamashiro.
Collection numbers: Living: 600–698.
RBGE collecting codes: ARA, RAGSR, RAST, RFFA.
- 1984 *Trus Madi, Sabah Expedition*
Collecting dates: 15–24 iii 1984.
Collected with: J. Briggs, A. Gunsalam, H. Peter, A. Phillipps, M. Sands.
Collection numbers: 1–27.
Notes: A large number of collections were made but no information on number series can be found. Expedition report produced by A. Phillipps in the RBGE Argent archives.
- 1985 *Royal Society's Danum Valley Project, Sabah, Malaysia*
Collecting dates: 24–27 ii 1985, 1–3 iii 1985.
Collected with: Dongop, Kumin, Leopold, J. A. Ratter.
Collection numbers: 107652–107700, 108201–108400.
RBGE collecting code: ARLDK.
- 1985 *Royal Society's Danum Valley Project, Sabah, Malaysia*
Collecting dates: 23 x – 15 xi 1985.
Collected with: E. J. F. Campbell, A. L. Lamb.
Collection numbers: 2410851, 2510851–25108521, 2610851–26108511, 411851–411857.
Notes: Collection number is composed of day, month, year, collection number.

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- RBGE collecting code: CAMAR.
- 1986 *RBGE Papua New Guinea Expedition*
 Collecting dates: 5 x – 13 xi 1986.
 Collected with: J. Sandham.
 Collection numbers: 861–86212.
 RBGE collecting code: GAJS.
- 1987 *Danum Valley Rainforest Project, Sabah, Malaysia*
 Collecting dates: 8–21 iii 1987.
 Collected with: J. Aik, S. Ali, E. Campbell, K. Jong, K. Kasil.
 Collection numbers: 101987–991987 (last four digits refer to year), 1987100–1987172 (first four digits refer to year).
 RBGE collecting codes: AAK, ACAK, AJAK, ARCJ?, ARGAK, ARGJO, ARJA, GAKK.
- 1987 *Operation Raleigh, Scientific Expedition to Seram, Indonesia*
 Collecting dates: 24 viii – 13 ix 1987.
 Collected with: Y. Naito.
 Collection numbers: c871–c87192 (first two digits refer to year).
 RBGE collecting code: AGN.
- 1988 *RBGE Sumatra Expedition*
 Collecting dates: 16–21 ii 1988.
 Collected with: J. Burley, Tukirin.
 Collection numbers: SU881–SU891.
 RBGE collecting code: ABTU.
- 1989 *RBGE–National Museum of Manila–Stirling and Sheffield Universities Expedition to Sibuyan Island, Philippines*
 Collecting dates: 10–31 viii 1989.
 Collected with: E. J. Reynoso.
 Collection numbers: 891–89168; also 240 plot collections with various numbers.
 RBGE collecting code: ARE.
- 1991–1998: Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme*
- 1991 *Royal Geographical Society's Brunei Rainforest Expedition*
 Collecting dates: 17 ii – 9 iii 1991.
 Collected with: A. Jangarum, A. Kamariah, A. S. Kamariah, D. Mitchell, C. Pendry.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 911–91209 (first two digits refer to year); Living: 19912408–19912522 (first four digits refer to year).
 Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.

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- RBGE collecting codes: AKJE, AKPM, ARMI, MAP.
- 1992 *Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, Central Kalimantan*
Collecting dates: 16 i – 18 ii 1992.
Notes: Reconnaissance trip.
- 1992 *RBGE–National Museum, Manila Expedition to Palawan and Mindanao*
Collecting dates: 21 ii – 13 iii 1992.
Collected with: J. A. S. Alvarez, F. J. M. Gaerlan, D. Madulid, E. M. Romero, L. Telino.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 921–92269 (first two digits refer to year); Living: A14–A19, M1–M13.
RBGE collecting codes: AART, ALVR, ARGGA?, ARGRO, ARMAG, ARPE.
- 1992 *RBGE–Trekforce Irian Jaya Expedition*
Collecting dates: 29 ix – 30 x 1992.
Collected with: G. Fairweather, M. Mendum, D. Mitchell, E. Sambas, P. Smith, R. Tanjung.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 92300–92577 (first two digits refer to year); Living: under *D. Mitchell & P. Smith* collection numbers.
Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.
RBGE collecting codes: ARGTA, MEA.
- 1993 *Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, Central Kalimantan*
Collecting dates: 29 i – 12 ii 1993.
Collected with: A. Saridan.
Collection numbers: 931–93108 (first two digits refer to year); also made sterile collections from trees in plot 8 (given prefix P8 followed by tree number).
RBGE collecting code: ARGAS.
- 1993 *Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, Central Kalimantan*
Collecting dates: 9–21 v 1993.
Collected with: K. Sidiyasa, P. Wilkie, Y. S. Yulita.
Collection numbers: 93110–93209 (first two digits refer to year).
RBGE collecting codes: ARSYW, ASYW.
- 1994 *Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, Central Kalimantan*
Collecting dates: 6–24 ii 1994.
Collected with: P. Wilkie.
Collection numbers: 941–94128 (first two digits refer to year); Argent-only collections: 41001–410020.
RBGE collecting code: ARASW.

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- 1994 *Expedition to southern Sarawak*
 Collecting dates: 9–28 x 1994.
 Collected with: Kuching Forestry Department.
 Collection numbers: Arg 1–20.
- 1995 *Expedition to Gunung Silam with the Sabah Forestry Department, Sandakan, Malaysia, and to Gunung Tambuyokan with the Sabah Parks staff*
 Collecting dates: Gunung Silam: 27–28 ix 1995; Gunung Tambuyokan: 9 x 1995.
 Collected with: L. Madani, P. Smith, L. Sobel, J. Sugau.
 Collection numbers: From Gunung Silam: 95300–95325 (first two digits refer to year); from Gunung Tambuyokan: 195–695 (last two digits refer to year).
 RBGE collecting code: GAPS.
- 1996 *Indonesian–UK Tropical Forest Management Programme, Central Kalimantan*
 Collecting dates: 20 ix – 14 x 1996.
 Collected with: Tuke I. Djuda (often only ‘Tuke’ on labels), A. Saridan, H. Sega, P. Wilkie.
 Collection numbers: 961–9668 (first two digits refer to year).
 RBGE collecting codes: ARASW, ARGWT, ASWS, WIG.
- 1996 *Gunung Halau-Halau, South Kalimantan Expedition*
 Collecting dates: 16–22 x 1996.
 Collected with: P. Wilkie (and BBC Scotland film crew).
 Collection numbers: *Argent & Wilkie*, s.n., 20 x 1996 (E00220599, E00220600), *R. alborugosum*.
 Notes: Expedition largely to collect living material of *Rhododendron alborugosum*.
 RBGE collecting code: WIG.
- 1997 *RBGE–National Museum, Manila Expedition to Luzon and Mindoro*
 Collecting dates: 4–23 iii 1997.
 Collected with: F. Gaerlan, M. Mendum, R. T. Pennington, E. J. Reynoso, P. Wilkie.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 29000–29183; Living: HAL1–HAL55 (from Mount Halcon), IS1–IS43 (from Mount Isarog).
 RBGE collecting code: P97.
- 1997 *Royal Society Xavantina-Cachimbo [Mato Grosso] – 30 years on Expedition, Central Brazil*
 Collecting dates: 11–29 viii 1997.
 Collected with: S. Bridgewater, J. Ratter.
 Collection numbers: No collections listed under Argent.
- 1998 *RBGE–National Museum, Manila Expedition to Palawan*
 Collecting dates: 15 i – 4 ii 1998.
 Collected with: R. V. Chavez, Q. Cronk, R. Fuentes, M. Mendum, D. J. Middleton, P. Wilkie.
 Collection numbers: 25347–25558.

Notes: Collection number series includes living collections and may have PPI prefix in Manila herbarium.

RBGE collecting codes: ACFMW, P98.

- 1999 *RBGE–Leuser Development Project Survey, Sumatra, Indonesia*
Collecting dates: 16 i – 6 iii 1999.
Collected with: Aminin, Iqbar.
Collection numbers: 9901–99181 (first two digits refer to year).
RBGE collecting codes: AAM, ARGIQ, SUM99.
- 1999 *RBGE–Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden Expedition, Thailand*
Collecting dates: 18 viii – 2 ix 1999.
Collected with: P. Suksathan, S. Watthana.
Collection numbers: AR200–AR222.
RBGE collecting codes: SPG, TH99.
- 1999 *RBGE–National Museum, Manila Expedition to Luzon and Leyte*
Collecting dates: 30 x – 21 xi 1999.
Collected with: Ms Belonias, R. Fuentes, F. Gaerlan, M. Mendum, P. Wilkie.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 99200–99334 (first two digits refer to year); Living: 1992152–1992155, 19991903–19991950, 19991980–19992000.
Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.
RBGE collecting codes: ARWMF, P99.
- 2000 *Alan Hardy–RBGE–Kebun Raya, Bogor Expedition to Sulawesi, Indonesia*
Collecting dates: 8 ii – 2 iii 2000.
Collected with: L. Galloway, S. A. Hendrian, M. Mendum, P. Smith.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1–305; Living: SULSG 2000327–SULSG 2000750.
Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.
RBGE collecting codes: AGMS, ARMEH, ARMH, SULSG.
- 2000 *RBGE–RBGKew Mount Jaya Expedition, Irian Jaya, Indonesia*
Collecting dates: 29 ix – 13 xi 2000.
Collected with: Z. Fainani, R. J. Johns, O. Kasmin, K. Kramadibrata, D. Supardi, T. Utteridge.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 00500–00620 (first two digits refer to year); Living: PA1–PA64.
RBGE collecting codes: ARGU, MTJP.
- 2001 *RBGE North Sumatra, Leuser Development Project Expedition, Indonesia*
Collecting dates: 3–16 iii 2001.
Collected with: P. Smith.
Collection numbers: 011–0175 (first two digits refer to year).

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- 2002 *Reconnaissance visit to southern Thailand with Forestry Herbarium Bangkok*
Collecting dates: 1 xi – 1 xii 2002.
- 2003 *Joint Expedition to Mount Mariveles, Luzon, Philippines with National Museum, Manila*
Collecting dates: 12–14 xi 2003.
Collection numbers: MAR1–MAR15.
- 2004 *Expedition to Mount Kaba, southern Sumatra, Indonesia*
Collecting date: i 2004.
Collection numbers: Not known.
- 2005 *Workshop in Cibodas Botanical Garden, repatriating Rhododendron species to Indonesia*
Dates: 11–13 iv 2005.
- 2004–2019: Research associate, RBGE*
- 2006 *RBGE expedition to Sabah, Malaysia*
Collecting dates: 8 ix – 6 x 2006.
Collected with: L. Galloway, M. Gillies.
Collection numbers: Herbarium: 1–27; Living (accessions): 20061648–20061669, 20070317–20070322.
RBGE collecting code: AGG.
- 2007 *Expedition to the Arfak Mountains, Papua, Indonesian New Guinea*
Collecting date: ii 2007.
Collected with: H. Brentel.
Collection numbers: AB1–AB16.
RBGE collecting code: AHB.
- 2008 *Expedition to Mount Kinabalu, Mount Alab and Long Pa Sia, Sabah, Malaysia*
Collecting dates: 6–15 iii 2008.
Collected with: T. Conlon, T. Lamb.
Collection numbers: 20081–20086; Living (accessions): 20080419–20080422, 20080655, 20081447.
RBGE collecting code: AMC.
- 2008 *Expedition to Luzon, Philippines, with National Museum, Manila*
Collecting dates: 6–15 iii 2008.
Collection numbers: 1–17; Living (accessions): 20080423–20080440.
- 2009 *RBGE Expedition to Wissel Lakes and Arfak Mountain Range, Indonesian New Guinea*
Collecting dates: 2–28 ii 2009.
Collected with: S. Barber, A. J. Ensoll, L. Galloway, C. Heatabun.
Collection numbers: ABEG1–ABEG423 (Herbarium: ABEG102–ABEG294).

- Notes: Expedition report in RBGE library.
 RBGE collecting code: ABEG.
- 2009 *Expedition with National Museum, Manila, to Panay Island, Philippines*
 Collecting date: xi 2009.
 Collected with: F. Gaerlan.
 Collection numbers: 09400–09414 (Herbarium and Living).
- 2011 *Plant-collecting expedition to Bukit Raya, Kalimantan, Indonesian Borneo; Joint RBGE–Cibodas Botanic Garden Expedition.*
 Collecting dates: 12–25 ii 2011.
 Collected with: T. Conlon, Wiguna Rahman, N. Sharp.
 Collection numbers: Herbarium: 100–135; Living (accessions): 20110209–20110285, 20110299–20110303, 20110576, 20110585, 20111490, 20111922, 20120005, 20120006.
 RBGE collecting code: CASK.
- 2017 *Plant field observation (and lectures) in Northern Luzon, Philippines, with the National Museum, Manila*
 Dates: 19 ix – 11 x 2017.

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Ten species, in nine plant families, have been named in George's honour:

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Aeschynanthus argentei M.Mendum. *Edinburgh J. Bot.* 56(2): 265 (–268; fig. 1) (1999).
Acalypha argentei Sagun & G.A.Levin. *Blumea* 52(2): 351 (–353; fig. 1) (2007).
Begonia georgei Coyle. *Edinburgh J. Bot.* 66(2): 209 (–210; fig. 1 map, fig. 2) (2009).
Callicarpa argentei Bramley. *Bot. J. Linn. Soc.* 159(3): 424 (–426; fig. 3, fig. 4 map) (2009).
Musa argentei Gogoi & Borah. *Edinburgh J. Bot.* 71(2): 182 (–185; fig. 1, fig. 2) (2014).
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Ardisia argentiana Julius & Utteridge. *PhytoKeys* 145: 141 (–143; fig. 1) (2020).
Cyrtandra argentei Olivar, H.J. Atkins & Muellner. *Eur. J. Taxon.* 676: 4 (–7; fig. 1 map, fig. 2) (2020).

AWARDS

In 1997, George was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Loder Cup for his major contribution to rhododendron research; in 2002, he received the American Rhododendron Society's Gold Medal for a major contribution to international rhododendron research; and in 2013, he received the David Fairchild medal for plant exploration.

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- Vaccinium onimense* Argent, sp. nov.
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- Rigiolepis chaili* Argent, sp. nov. Page 80.
- Rigiolepis irawatae* Argent, sp. nov. Page 82.
- Rigiolepis jermiyi* Argent, sp. nov. Page 86.
- Rigiolepis linearifolia* (Kloet) Argent, comb. nov. Page 92.
- Rigiolepis lobbii* var. *lancifolia* (Ridl.) Argent, stat. nov. Page 95.
- Rigiolepis minimiflora* (Sleumer) Argent, comb. nov. Page 98.

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Rigiolepis moultonii subsp. *murudensis* Argent, subsp. nov. Page 101.
Rigiolepis piperifolia (Sleumer) Argent, comb. nov. Page 104.
Rigiolepis suberosa (Kloet) Argent, comb. nov. Page 107.
Rigiolepis tenax (Argent) Argent, comb. nov. Page 109.
Rigiolepis uniflora var. *monantha* (Ridl.) Argent, comb.et. stat. nov. Page 112.
Rigiolepis uniflora var. *pedicellata* Argent, var. nov. Page 115.
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