

Tall Bearded – historical

Historic varieties – pre 1970



ACTION FRONT x3

Beales: Large flowers with soft scent. Rich mahogany falls with cream veining. Golden yellow beard and dusky brown-mauve standards. June to July. Ht.85cm.(2.5ft.). Subdued but delicious. Good scent. Best in hot, sunny and well drained position. Woottens: Self. Red flowers with cream veining and golden yellow beard. Mid season. Good scent. Ht 85cm. Sun. Well drained soil. Cook 1942.

1942, Cook

'Action Front' (Paul Cook, R. 1942). TB, , Midseason bloom. Color Class R6D, (((('Morning Splendor') x ('Seminole' X 'Cinnabar')) x (('Morning Splendor') x ('Seminole' X 'Cinnabar')))) X 'E. B. Williamson'.



ARGUS PHEASANT

Historic cinnamon coloured iris. Dainty and rather slow growing.

DeForest (1948)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

1948, De Forest

'Argus Pheasant' (Fred DeForest, R. 1948). TB, , M. 'Casa Morena' X 'Tobacco Road'. DeForest 1948. Honorable Mention 1948; Award of Merit 1950; American Dykes Medal 1952.

From Cooley's Gardens catalog for 1952: "A smooth soft brown self which has become justly famous in the short space of two seasons only. It thrilled visitors at American Iris Society conventions in both Nashville and Portland, and ranks with Pretty Quadroon as the two finest and most beautiful light brown Irises of the day. Huge flowers with broad flaring falls and wide standards; orange-brown beard."



BABBLING BROOK

Stunning light blue self with 'diamond dust'. Attractive veining and a fluffy white beard turning gold in the throat. US Dykes, 1972.

Keppel (1969). Season: Mid-season.

97cm/38ins.

1966, Keppel

'Babbling Brook' (Keith Keppel, R. 1965). Seedling 62-40A. TB, height 38" (97 cm), Mid bloom season. Color Class-B1L, Light blue self (Wilson 43/3 to 43/2). Correction of introductory data (was 1969). 'Galilee' X 'Symphony'. Keppel 1966. High Commendation 1965; Honorable Mention 1967; Judges Choice 1967, 1968; NTG Award 1968; Award of Merit 1969; American Dykes Medal 1972.



BENTON SHEILA

Morris (N/R)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

? Morris

'Benton Sheila' (Morris, Not registered)



BENTON SUSAN

Morris (1946)

Season: Mid-season

107cm/42ins

1946, Morris

'Benton Susan' (Sir Cedric Morris, R. 1946). TB, 42" (107 cm), Mid bloom season. Color Class-Y2, Yellow-ground plicata, stitched brown. From two seedlings. Wallace & Co 1946.



BLACK SWAN x3

Beales: Deep purple-black standards with velvety-black falls, and ochre tipped beard. May to June. Ht.75cm.(2.5ft.). May need staking in exposed positions. Woottens: Self. Scented. Deep blue-black self with a pale blue beard turning orange in the throat. Mid season. Ht. 91cm. Fay 1952.

1960, Fay

'Black Swan' (Orville Fay, R. 1960) Sdlg. 57-18. TB, 35" (89 cm). Midseason bloom. Reddish-black self; brown beard. 'Sable Night' X 53-68. Fay, Moldovan 1960. High Commendation 1958; Judges Choice 1961; Honorable Mention 1960; Award of Merit 1962.



BLUE RHYTHM

Location: next to R. Comtes de champagne on bank in front of terrace of Garden House.

Tall bearded iris. Blue.

From Cooley's Gardens catalog for 1948: "Very large flower of cornflower-blue, softened by a silvery overtone. The large standards are arched and domed, the broad falls are semi-flaring with smoothly colored hafts. Growing from 3 to 4 feet in height, perfectly branched, we consider it just about tops in blue iris." Cornflower blue with a silvery blue underlay, distinctly scented of lemons. An extremely prolific classic variety.

1945, Whiting

'Blue Rhythm' (Mrs. C. Whiting, 1945) TB, Mid bloom season. Clor Code B1M. (Medium blue self). Lemon fragrance. ('Annabel' X 'Blue Zenith'). Honorable Mention; Award of Merit; American Dykes Medal 1950.



BLUE SHIMMER x3

Large, balanced, heavily scented flowers. Broad falls with heavy blue-mauve picotee blending into pure white centre, standards same blue, shot through with white. Old fashioned in shape but reliable and beautifully scented. May to June. Ht.90cm.(3ft.). Exceedingly free flowering.

1941, Sass

'Blue Shimmer' (Jacob Sass, 1941). Sdlg. 40-180. TB-La-W2L. No. 65-35 X ('Blue Monarch' x ...). Sass-H.P. Honorable Mention 1942; Award of Merit 1944.



BRAITHWAITE

A tried and tested Amoena with velvety, pendulous purple falls with a pale border and lilac-white standards. Yellow beards. Vigorous. Late season. 84cm x 45cm

Not 100% clear whether the text below relates to same plant:

1956, Randall

'Braithwaite' (Randall, R. 1952). TB, 33" (84 cm), L. Color Class-VB3, Lavender-blue and dark purplish blue; golden beard. 'Helen Collingwood' X 'Lothario'. Fairmount 1956.



BUTTERSCOTCH KISS x3

Very large flowers displaying ruffled reflexed caramel falls with darker veining and paler ruffled standards. Spicy fruit scent. May to June. Ht. 90cm.(3ft.).

1957, Plough

'Butterscotch Kiss' (Gordon Plough, R. 1955). Sdlg. 51-129-7. TB, 36" (91 cm), ML. Color Class-Y1, Yellow self in effect (barium, 503/1 Wilson), orchid infusion, gold-dust glitter over all; yellow intensified in heart and on edges. Plough sdlg. 49-67: ('Cascade Splendor' x 'Honeyflow') x 'Twenty Grand'. Iris Test Gardens, Eden Road 1957.



CHANTILLY

Tall Bearded Flag Iris. Ruffled and feminine flowers, they are a very pretty orchid pink which blends into a pale yellow. The petals are crimped along their edges. An immensely rewarding garden iris, never failing to impress. Height to around 85cm.

1945, Hall

'Chantilly' (David Hall, R. 1943). TB, Midseason bloom. Color Code-R7L. 'Maiden Blush' X Hall pink seedling). Hall 1945. Honorable Mention AIS 1945; Award of Merit 1947.

From the Cooley's Gardens 1949 catalog: A ruffled orchid pink. The edges of both standards and falls are so heavily ruffled and frilled that they have the appearance of being edged with lace of a lighter shade than the rest of the flower. From the same line of breeding as the famous Flamingo Pinks. 36 inch stems strong and well branched. Shown on the cover of the Cooley 1949 catalog



CLEO MURRELL

Very pale shell pink with darker shading on the falls

Murrell (1941)

Season: Early/mid

91cm/35ins

1941, Murrell

'Cleo Murrell' (Mrs. Olive Murrell, R. 1941) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class Y3M. strong fragrance. 'Pervaneh' x ('Moonlight' x 'Bruno'). Murrell, Orpington 1941.



CLIFFS OF DOVER

Location: In border by lawn of Garden House.

Tall, milk white.

Ht 90 cm. AGM

1953, Fay

'Cliffs Of Dover' (Orville Fay, R. 1952) TB, 35" (89 cm), M White. 'New Snow' X 'Cahokia'. Fay 1953. Honorable Mention 1953; Award of Merit 1955.



DAME BLANCHE

A charming historic variety of pure white carrying numerous small and light, slightly "crumpled" flowers. Beards are golden toward the centre with white tips. A strong plant, multiplying well.

Tall bearded - Early - size:80cm - colour:White
🌱 (2013)

1937, Cayeux

'**Dame Blanche**' ([Ferdinand Cayeux](#), 1937). Color Class W3L.



DAUNTLESS

Deep magenta rosy red falls with paler papery standards. Lovely old iris with purple based foliage. US Dykes, 1929

Pattison (1929)

Season: Mid-season

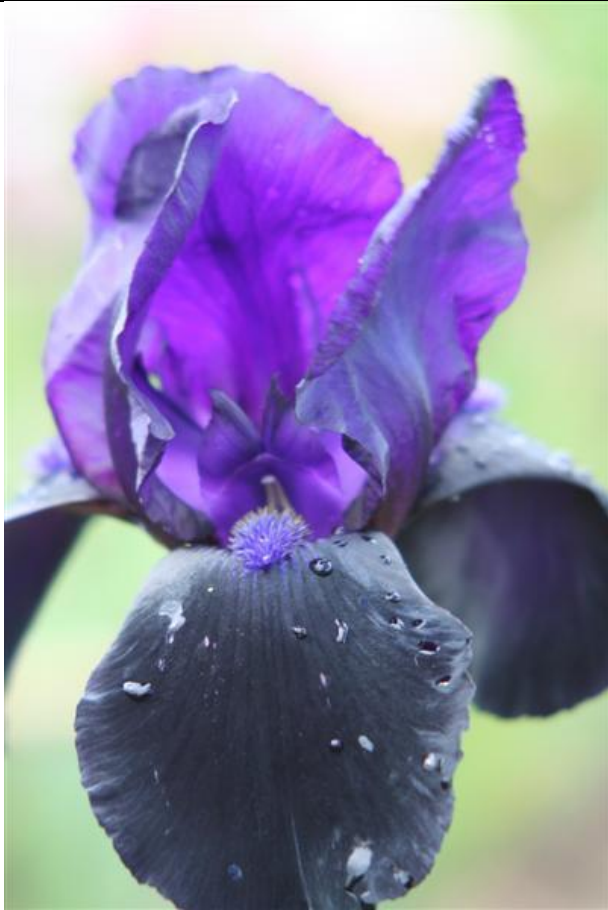
86cm/33ins

1929, Connell

'Dauntless' (Clarence Phillips Connell, 1929) TB, Mid bloom season. Color Code-R9D. ('Cardinal' X 'Rose Madder'). Award of Merit R.H.S. 1938; American Dykes Medal 1929.

From Quality Gardens catalog for 1931: "This is a cross between 'Cardinal' and 'Rose Madder'. The color is red and it is a self color. The falls appear darker than the standards because of their velvety quality. Without question this is one of the outstanding introductions in recent years and we shall be glad when the stock is sufficient that it may be in every garden."

DAUNTLESS. The peer of all red irises, a Dykes medal winner in America, and certainly one of the finest things ever introduced. The blooms are of great size, on tall stems, and flower over a long season. In color DAUNTLESS appears much redder than most other so-called red irises, due partly to the fact that it carries a mixture of orange and brown in its pigment and very little blue or purple. Across the garden it glows like fire. It was the finest variety seen in New England last season. Each \$6.50 ; three for \$15.00 [Cooley's Wholesale pricelist, 1932]



DEEP BLACK x3

Flowers deepest, richest indigo with a delicate scent. Semi-reflexed long falls virtually black, round silky standards indigo. Best in a hot, sunny well drained position. Scented. Ht. 90cm.

1955, Cook

'Deep Black' (Paul Cook, R. 1953) Sdlg. 9951. TB, 36" (91 cm). Late bloom. Self of "black" violet (blackish violet, Ridgway). Beard Roslyn blue (Ridgway). 'Black Forest' x (sdlg. 7847: ('Captain Wells' x 'Indiana Night') X (('Modoc x 'Black Wings') x 'Indiana Night')). Longfield 1955.



DEPUTE NOMBLOT

Deep pink standards over velvety maroon falls. Some white veining around a bright orange beard. Another Cayeux classic. French Dykes, 1930 Cayeux (1929)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

1929, Cayeux

'Député Nomblot' (Ferdinand Cayeux, R. 1929). TB, Mid bloom season. 'Francheville' X 'Bruno'. Cayeux et Le Clerc 1929. C.M; S.N.H.F 1930; French Dykes Memorial Medal 1930; Award of Merit AIS 1936; First Class Certificate Royal Horticultural Society 1936.

DEPUTE NOMBLOT. The world's greatest iris. Blooming for the first time in America during the season of 1930, it almost bowled over all who saw it. During the past season it has proven worthy of first impressions, and from England and France, as well as from all sections of this country, come songs of praise for this imposing giant of the race. Standards light glowing rosy-purple, overlaid bronzy-gold. Falls very wide, spreading, purplish garnet-red, shading to lighter rosy-bronze at the edge. Deep orange beard. Over four feet tall, wonderfully well branched. DEPUTE NOMBLOT received a certificate of merit in 1929 at the Paris show, and in 1930 was awarded the Dykes medal. Each \$20.00; three for \$50.00 [Cooley's Wholesale pricelist, 1932]



FLORENTINE

Old French historic iris, milky white with very pale lavender marking. Looks like tissue paper, large flowered.

Cayeux (1934)

Season: Mid-season

97cm/38ins

1937, Cayeux

'Florentine' (Ferdinand Cayeux, 1937) Tb. Midseason bloom. Color Class W8M. Cayeux 1937.

Non A.I.S. awards: C.M. and Spec. Prize, S.N.H.F. 1937. Bull. S.N.H.F. 6th Ser. 14:173-174. May 1937.

This appeals to me far more than the more heavily colored Cayeux plicatas. [Junius P. Fishburn, "Survey of 1940 Iris Season", A.I.S. Bulletin 78 (July 1940): 54.]



FRIVOLITE

Pale pink standards and pinkish white falls which are amply veined with magenta, yielding an intense pink effect. Beards are of a soft yellow. Graceful flowers.

Tall bearded - Early to mid-season - size:85cm - colour:Pink
🌸 (1929)

1929, Cayeux

'**Frivolité**' ([Ferdinand Cayeux](#), 1929) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class S9L.
FRIVOLITE. This French introduction is offered as a great improvement upon the variety MARQUINETTE. The general effect is one of rich and brilliant shrimp-pink, the entire blossom seemingly dusted with gold dust. Mr. Sherman Duffy, eminent iris authority and writer, states in Bulletin No. 41 for October, that during the past blooming season FRIVOLITE made a distinct impression upon him, and that he considered it the finest thing in its class. A very lovely and unique novelty. Rapid of increase. Each \$6.50; three for \$15.00 [*Cooley's Wholesale pricelist, 1932*]



FROST AND FLAME x3

Beales: Large, pure white flowers with contrasting bright orange beard and a fruity scent. Tall but sturdy. Ruffled standards and smoothly shaped round falls. June to July. Ht.105cm.(3.5ft.). Woottens: White flowers with red beards. Stiff flowers stand up to wind. Early flowering. Ht. 100cm. Sun. Well drained soil. Dykes Medal 1960. David Hall 1956. HM 1957, AM 1959

1956, Hall

'Frost And Flame' (David Hall, R. 1956) Sdlg. 54-01. TB, 36" (91 cm), E. White self, red beard. Sdlg. 52-41 x sdlg. 52-02. Cooley 1957. Honorable Mention 1957; Award of Merit 1959.



3 X GOLD OF AUTUMN

Austin, R. 1960 I. 1961 TB 34" Re

From Lloyd Austin's catalog for 1963: "Starts second bloom in early Sept.; continues all thru Sept. & Oct. First bloomed at only 9 months from seed. Increased to 9 rhizomes by second fall & every one bloomed in Sept. Stalks exceptionally heavily branched, with up to 20 delectable golden flowers per stalk. Standards bright, light yellow; falls deep yellow, burnished with soft crimson, giving an attraction bronzy effect. Pollen plentiful.

From Kelways catalogue 2008: Gold of Autumn Tall bearded Golden bronze standards with deeper falls liberally flecked with tan markings. A repeat flowering iris which will usually bloom for a second tiime in the autumn. Ht 85cm. Austin 60 (Autumn Twilight X April Showers).

1961, Austin

'Gold Of Autumn' (Lloyd Austin, R. 1960). Sdlg. 932. TB, 34" (86 cm), Re. Color Class-Y3, S light yellow; F deep yellow. . Rainbow 1961.



GRACCHUS

An old variety created at the end of 19th century. Numerous small flowers with pure yellow standards and nearly horizontal white falls, strongly streaked with magenta. Pure yellow beards. Often produces several stems per rhizome from the start. Diploid iris, like the Cayeux variety "Ma Mie".

Tall bearded - Mid-season – size

1884, Ware

'**Gracchus**' TB-M-Y9L. Registered as a TB.



3 X JANE PHILLIPS

RHS AGM. What can you say about one of the most famous irises in the world! Gorgeous mid blue self. Exceptionally fine broad foliage. Free blooming and vigorous. The flowers have a lingering sweet scent. Height up to 85cm.

1946, Graves

'Jane Phillips' (Robert J. Graves, R. 1946). TB, Midseason bloom. Color Class B1M. Medium blue self. 'Helen McGregor' x ('Pale Moonlight' x 'Great Lakes')



JEAN CAYEUX

Delightful brown self veined all over and with a brown-veined bluish flash beneath the orange beard. French Dykes, 1931

Cayeux (1931)

Season: Mid-season

86cm/33ins

1931, Cayeux

'Jean Cayeux' (Ferdinand Cayeux, 1931) TB height 38" Mid to late bloom season, Glistening pale Havana brown flushed with gold. A very distinct French iris, and an important parent of many later irises. ('Phryné' x ('Bruno' x 'Évolution')). Cayeux et Le Clerc 1931. French Dykes Memorial Medal 1931; Award of Merit AIS 1936.



KANGCHENJUNGA

Really nice white self with light green veining and orange beard in the throat. British! UK Dykes, 1960

Miller (1957)

Season: Mid-season

112cm/44ins

1957, Miller

'Kangchenjunga' (H. Miller, R. 1955). TB, 44" (112 cm), M. Color Class-W1, White self. 'Desert Song' X 'Jane Phillips'. Orpington 1957.



KENT PRIDE x 3 Smoothly shaped chestnut coloured plicata. Rich brown standards and falls speckled and veined with chestnut over creamy yellow. A traditional favourite. Bred in Wrotham Kent in 1950's and still popular. Height – 91cms/36

1959, Hutchison

'Kent Pride' (P. Hutchison, R. 1958). Sdlg. D-19-1. Tall Bearded, 30" (76 cm), Mid. Color Class-R3, S. chestnut-red; F. same on yellow ground, white blaze around yellow and brown beard. ('Dora Morris' x 'Benton Susan') x 'Dancing Sunlight'. Orpington 1959.



LEMON ICE

Tall Bearded Flag Iris. Endearing, lemon yellow flowers borne in profusion. The fall petals have a white central patch, blending into the white beards. An easily grown iris needing little more than a sunny spot in well drained soil. Shorter growing to just around 70cm.

1939, Tharp

'Lemon Ice' (Mary Tharp, 1939) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class Y4D. ((['Rajput'](#) x ['Alcazar'](#)) x (['Amerind'](#))) x ['Alta California'](#).



LORD WARDEN x3

Deliciously scented flowers. Bold amber-bronze, slightly reflexed falls with darker picotee. Short round petals. Standards rich amber-gold.

1967, Taylor

'Lord Warden' (John D. Taylor, R. 1966) Sdlg. E.36/l. TB, 33" (84 cm).
Midseason bloom. Rich gold self; orange beard. 'Ethel Miller' X 'Melbreak'.
Orpington 1967. HC BIS 1966.



LORELEY

G & K (1909)

Season: Mid-season

97cm/38ins

1909, Goos & Koenemann

'Loreley' (Goos & Koenemann, abt.1909) TB, Mid bloom season, color code=Y3D. Farr 1912; Koeh. 1920a; Wing 1920; Country Life Am. 53: 1, 51. Nov. 1927%; Sheets 1928; Smith-J. 1932; Koh. 1936; Bay St. 1937; Tip Top 1937; Bun. 1938; Rowan. 1938 Vilm. 1938; Wass. 1938; Bommers. 1939; AAA 148.; High Commendation, Royal Horticultural Society 1916; AA cliv.

1909, Goos & Koenemann

'Loreley' TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class Y3D. [now a BB or IB] (Goos & Koenemann abt 1909) note: this is the form often seen. Cornell Bulletin 112 : "Color effect a flecked yellow, velvety pansy violet veined bicolor. Standards amber yellow flecked raisin purple. Falls velvety blackish red-purple, veined violet-purple on lavender outer haft and reticulated red-brown on bronzed base. The blade is bordered light yellow. The plant is a vigorous grower, with stiff, medium, deep green foliage, tinged at the base. The spathe valves are green and slightly keeled. The flowers are borne on widely-branched stalks, and the segments of the blooms expand so that the general effect is that of a short, open bloom with cup-formed standards. Under some circumstances, Fall blooms appear. Their bright colors make interesting masses in the border. Rating 79. --Cornell Bulletin 112



LOUVOIS

Lovely smokey purple, paler on the standards and with dark and velvety falls edged pale. Yellow beards. Another old success from Cayeux.

Cayeux (1939)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

1936, Cayeux

'Louvois' (Ferdinand Cayeux, 1936). TB, Mid bloom season. Color Class S9D. ('Fétiche' x 'Roi Soleil') X ('Iceberg' x 'Évolution'). Award of Merit 1939.

From Cooley's 1940 catalog: "Brown, deep, rich and velvety, like the lustrous fur of an animal. This new French sort has been one of the surprises of the past two years. Standards are a decided brown tone, the falls exceedingly dark brown, edged to match the standards."



LOVELY AGAIN

A never-failing remontant with scented, lavender flowers softening in colour with age and pale yellow beards. Scented. Early and later summer until autumn. Height x spread: 76cm x 45cm

1966, Smith

'**Lovely Again**' (R. G. Smith, R. 1963). Sdlg. **B3ODR**. TB, 30" (76 cm), M & Re. Color Class-V1, Lavender self,yellow beard. Rundlett E-I5-R X 60-2R. Avonbank 1966.



LUGANO

Creamy white self so smooth, unruffled and elegant. Very reliable re bloomer for us

Cayeux (1948)

Season: Early/mid/Re

91cm/35ins

1959, Cayeux

'Lugano' (Ferdinand Cayeux, R. 1959). TB, , Re. Delayed registration. ('Astarté' x 'Memnon') X 'San Francisco'. Cayeux 1948



3 X MA MIE

It is a pleasure for us to reintroduce this historic variety registered by Ferdinand Cayeux in 1906. This is a disloid plicata with a white ground and blue-violet border. It produces a lot of small-sized flowers and is very vigorous.

Tall bearded - Mid-season - size:90cm - colour:Plicata
🌱 Cayeux (1906)

1906, Cayeux

'Ma Mie' (Ferdinand Cayeux, 1906). Registered as an IB, now considered a TB, Midseason bloom. Color Code-W8. Cayeux et Le Clerc 1906.

From Cornell Bulletin 112: Color effect white, plicated light violet. Standards white, penciled light lavender-violet. Falls clear white, plicated lavender-violet; tinting lighter on outer blade. The beard is fine and sparse, and yellows at the base. The style branches are showy lavender-violet. The flowers are larger than those of 'Mme. Chereau' due to the spreading carriage of their falls. The growth of this variety is moderate and erect, and the fragrance is very good. It is an excellent cut flower. Rating 81



MADAME CHEREAU

Tall, upright, well-branched stems carry white flower with a broad band of violet stitched around the petals. Early season. Historic variety. Height x spread: 91cm x 40cm

1844, Lémon

'Mme. Chéreau'. (Jean-Nicolas Lémon, 1844) TB, Mid bloom season. Color code-W2. Fragrant. High Commendation R.H.S. 1916.

From Cornell Bull. 112: Color effect a lavender- white plicata. Standards white, bordered hortense violet, beautifully ruffled. falls white, with deeper hortense violet, slightly purplish tinged plications. The base of the blade becomes cream-white with a waxy sheen. The styles are showy, hortense violet, and the beard is dense, white, and yellow tipped. The growth is moderate, and the foliage lax, slender, and green. The flowering stalks are tall and well branched, and carry the smallish blooms well above the compact foliage. The delicate coloring, the clear penciling, and the symmetrical form of the individual bloom have not been rivaled by the productions of the modern hybridist. This is one of the best ten, and absolutely lovely, despite its low rating of 74



MAISIE LOWE

Sumptuous deep purple bitone darkly veined on the falls. Purple beard with orange topping to the hairs. Large flowers. UK Dykes, 1948
Gibson (1930)

Season: Mid-season

97cm/38ins

1930, Gibson

'Maisie Lowe' (J. L. Gibson, R. 1930) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class B7D.
'Dominion' x 'Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau'. Syn: Mrs. J. L. Gibson.



MARQUITA

Rightfully one of the most famous Cayeux creations. Ivory standards and strawberry red falls with a pale yellow edge and a number of creamy yellow stripes. Sunny yellow beards.

Tall bearded - Late - size:80cm - colour:Bi-colour
🌸 (1931)

1931, Cayeux

'**Marquita**' ([Ferdinand Cayeux](#), 1931). TB, 38", Midseason bloom, Color Class Y9L. Standards cream white deepening to light yellow at base; Falls cream white lined watermelon rose; cream beard, yellow in throat. ['Symphonie'](#) x ['Hélios'](#). Award of Merit 1936.



MATINATA

Location: In border by lawn of Garden House.

Tall bearded iris. Magnificent flowers of deep velvety purple produced freely. A truly outstanding iris. Ht 100cm.

1968, Schreiner

'Matinata' (Schreiner, R. 1966). Sdlg. W 190-A. TB, 39" (99 cm). Midseason bloom. Color Class RV1F, Uniform bishop purple self including beard; real purple color. 'Prince Indigo' X T 480-A (((L 474-J ((L 158-A ('Blue Glow' x 'Black Belle')) x 'Storm Warning')))) x R 632-B ('First Violet' x 'King's Choice'). Schreiner 1968



MULBERRY ROSE

Schreiner (1941)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

1941, Bob Schreiner

'Mulberry Rose' (Robert Schreiner, R. 1941). TB. Late bloom season. Color Class B7L. Honorable Mention AIS 1943; Award of Merit AIS 1944. Schreiner, 1941.

1949 Checklist citations: Bull. A.I.S. 90:4 July 1943; Bull. A.I.S. 94:3 August 1944.



NIBELUNGEN

Bright yellow standards with maroon falls edged by yellow, and rivered with white veins. Historic variety. Height x spread: 75cm x 60cm

1910, G & K

'Nibelungen' (Goos & Koenemann, 1910). TB. Color Class S6M.



OLA KALA x6

Flowers have a spicy scent, are nicely proportioned, bright golden-yellow shot through with amber. Smoothly shaped small flowers. Robust plant. Scented. May to June. Ht.90cm.(3ft.).

1943, Sass

'Ola Kala' (Jacob Sass, R. 1942) TB, Height 36", Late bloom. Color Class Y4D ('Prairie Sunset' x unknown) X ('Golden Age' x unknown). Honorable Mention 1943; Award of Merit 1945; American Dykes Medal 1948.

From Schreiner's Iris Lover's catalog for 1947: "This is one of the best deep yellows. So intensely yellow it is almost on the orange side. Rich in color, brilliant in effect. A flaring, lightly ruffled flower on tall stem withstanding weather to a very great degree. It is an iris people talk about and this is high praise indeed as we have an abundance of good yellow iris and when one stands out it must be good."



PAILLASSE

A direct descendant of "Marquita" with ivory petals edged with golden yellow. Dark strawberry- red falls with a thin light bronze border. Bright yellow beards.

Tall bearded - Very late - size:70cm - colour:Bi-colour
🌱 (1936)

1936, Cayeux

'**Paillasse**' ([Ferdinand Cayeux](#), 1936) TB. Midseason late bloom. Color Class Y9D. '[Marquita](#)' x '[Redalga](#)'.

From Cooley's Gardens catalog for 1951: "A French introduction resembling in some ways the popular MARQUITA but with more cinnamon rose color in the falls and considerable of this tint blended in the standards. The ground color is deep cream. A really different iris and a good grower and free bloomer; seldom seen."



3 X PINK CHARM

Ultra feminine flowers of peachy pink, a self coloured iris of great depth of colour. The beards are deep tangerine which compliment the petals to stunning effect. Easily grown and very free flowering. Height to around 85cm.

1946, Stevens

'Pink Charm' (Mrs. W. R. Stevens, R. 1946) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class R1M. ('Nina Levett' x 'New Dawn') x 'Happy Days'.



PINK CLOVER

Dark pink iris with a tangerine beard.

Whiting (1953)

Season: Mid to Late

86cm/33ins

1955, Whiting

'Pink Clover' (Mrs. C. Whiting, R. 1953). Sdlg. 5213. TB, 30" (76 cm). Midseason late bloom. Color Class VR1, Light violet-red self (erythrite red, Wilson), peach overlay at haft, peach-pink beard. Sdlg. 4910: (Hall 42-05 x 'Pathfinder') X 'Pathfinder'. Longfield 1955.



QUAKER LADY

Subtly coloured lavender bitone washed gold with purple based foliage and an orange beard. Very dainty and very old.

Farr (1909)

Season: Early/mid

86cm/33ins

1909, Farr

'Quaker Lady' (Bertrand Farr, 1909. Midseason bloom. Color Class S3L. Slight fragrance.

From Cornell Extension Bulletin 112, 1925: "Color effect a smokey lavender, ageratum-blue, bronzed and blended bicolor. S. pale purplish venaceous, of silky surface texture, bronzed throughout. F. mauvette to deeper ageratum-violet, bronzing at the edge and becoming yellow-olive on outer haft. Reticulations deep gold to olive brown.

The beard is fine, projecting, and yellow-orange, and the styles are cream-buff. The growth is vigorous, and the plant has lax, slender, deep yellow-green leaves, tinged at the base. The flowering stalks are freely produced, above medium height, well branched, and carry their numerous bolooms in a fine mass. The soft, smokey lavender, blending with old gold in the fair-sized, firm-textured flowers, is very pleasing when used in mass with bright yellows. This variety is a late bloomer. Rating 84."



QUECHEE

Copper red historic with bright orange beard.

Knowlton (1947)

Season: Mid-season

91cm/35ins

1947, Knowlton

'Quechee' (Harold Knowlton, R. 1947) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class R4D. 'Prince of Orange' x 'Redyen'.



RAJAH x 3

This smoothly shaped variegata has bright yellow standards and long oval falls that are heavily covered with maroon brown. The only yellow visible on the falls is around the edges. The bright orange beards have white stripes. Burgundy falls with yellow veining and yellow standards. Highly scented. Height – 75cms/30”

1929, Sturtevant

'Rajah' (Grace Sturtevant, 1929) DB. Color Class S6D.



RAMESES

The flowers of this old award winning iris have copper-coloured standards that arch outwards. They are deeper in colour at the top and yellow at the base. The falls are rose purple halfway up, then become yellow towards the hafts. Brown veins surround the long yellow beards. Very old strong growing historic of a dusky pink with rays on the falls and an orange beard. Dykes medal USA 1932.

Sass (1929)

Season: Mid/late

86cm/33ins

1929, Sass

'Rameses'. (Hans Peter Sass, R. 1928). Midseason to late bloom. Color Class S9L. "Standards deep olive buff to avellaneous; Falls deeply flushed argyle purple, the conspicuous haft strontian yellow; beard also conspicuous, orange; 40 inches. Widely branched,; Standards arching, a bit floppy; falls drooping; styles, broad, over-arching. 'King Tut' X 'Baldwin'. H. P. Sass 1929. Honorable Mention AIS 1931-from Mike Lowe's original HIPS website; also known as Ramses. American Dykes Medal 1932.



REALM

Wonderful strong blue self with purple/brown veining on the hafts. Broad style arms with prominent anthers over rich orange beard. Quite rare.

Baker (1920)

Season: Mid/late

97cm/38ins

1920, Baker

'Realm' (G. P. Baker, 1920) TB. Midseason late bloom. Color Class B1M.



REPAREE

Jolly colour. Primrose yellow standards which gently fade to cream as the flower ages. The falls are ox blood red edged with pale cream. Sometimes reblooms.

Smith.CK (1968)

Season: Early/mid/lat

76cm/29ins

1968, Smith

'Repartee' (C & K Smith, R. 1966). Sdlg. 64-36. TB, 30" (76 cm), E-M-L. Color Class-Y4R, S ivory-yellow (Ridgway 21F); F carmine and oxblood red with ivory border. 'Grosvenor' X 'Paradox'. Moldovan 1968.



SABLE

Tall Bearded Flag Iris. Always outstanding and in demand because everybody loves it!. A deep rich purple self with great depth of colour. Sweetly scented flowers. A vigorous plant growing up to about 90cm in height.

1938, Cook

'Sable' (Paul Cook, R. 1936) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class B1D. (((('Innocenza' x 'Blue Boy') x ('Cinnabar')) x (('Cinnabar')) x (('Innocenza' x 'Blue Boy') x ('Cinnabar') x 'Seminole' x 'Cinnabar')). HM 1937; CM Rome 1938; AM 1940. Longfield 1938.

1939 Checklist citation: H.M., A.I.S. 1937; Bull. A.I.S. **66**:88 Sept. 1937.

1949 Checklist citation: A.M., A.I.S. 1940; Bull. A.I.S. **78**:3 July 1940.

SABLE has also been used in his hybridizing, and he had several seedlings of the same color, one of which, No. 15039, was, in my opinion, the equal of SABLE in color, was of better form, and had a better branched stalk. In discussing the matter with Mr. Cook, he was extremely cautious about introducing a second variety of the SABLE coloring. Several of the judges, however, were of the opinion that a seedling showing decided improvements over its parent should not be discarded. [William J. McKee, "Our President Travels", *A.I.S. Bulletin* 78 (Jul. 1940): 11.]



SAINT CRISPIN x3

Richly scented flowers with reflexed golden-yellow falls shot through with dull gold. Beard is bright orange and standards slightly paler. May to June. Ht.70cm.(2.5ft.).



SERAPHITA

Slender and well branched stalks carrying graceful, light aniline violet flowers. Standards are lighter and more pink. Golden yellow styles and beards. A decorative and rather long flowering variety.

Tall bearded - Mid-season - size:100cm - colour:Violet
🌸 (1946)

1946, Cayeux

'**S eraph ita**' ([Ferdinand Cayeux](#), R. 1946) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class R3M.



SHAH JEHAN

Standards are milky white, whilst light lemon coloured at the base. Falls are crimson red with a fine 2mm wide white border. Bright yellow beards. A graceful amoena with a good finish for the time period.

Tall bearded - Mid-season to late - size:85cm - colour:Amoena
🌸 (1935)

1932, Neel

'**Shah Jehan**' (W. W. Neel, 1932) Tb, 38", Late bloom. Color Class S9D. Standards buff suffused gray; Falls plum-red bordered buff with red-brown flush at throat; orange beard. '**Ambassadeur**' x unknown. Award of Merit 1937.



SOUV. DE MME GAUDICHAU

Very vigorous purple historic iris with a lot of flower power.

Millet & fils (1914)

Season: Mid-season

97cm/38ins

1914, Millet & Fils

'Souv. de Mme. Gaudichau' (Millet & Fils, 1914). Tb, 36", Early/Midseason. Standards violet; Falls blackish purple; blue and gold beard. Fragrant. The right french name is: 'Souvenir de Madame Gaudichau'

From J.C. Nicholls catalog for 1928: "S. Bradleys violet. F. brilliant velvety blackish purple. A large rich black violet bicolor. Well branched, strong and free blooming. Habit and style excellent. One of the finest and most sought after Irises yet produced, only three others holding a higher rating."

SOUVENIR DE MME. GAUDICHEAU: Rated 93, this is admitted by nearly everybody who is an authority to be the very largest, finest and richest dark purple. It grows 42 inches tall, blooms early and is very free flowering. [Robert Wayman, "Best Twenty-five Irises", The Flower Grower Oct 1925: 404. Print.]



STEPPING OUT x3

Still popular. Flowers have white falls with heavy margins of blue-purple. Standards almost entirely deep purple-blue. May to June. Ht.90cm.

1964, Schreiner

'Stepping Out' (Schreiners, R. 1964). Seedling S 562-A. TB, height 38" (97 cm). Midseason to late bloom. Color Class W2V, Large white areas sharply patterned edges of blue-black-violet. Parentage unknown. Schreiners 1964. Honorable Mention 1965; F. Cook 1966; Judges Choice 1965, 1966; Award of Merit 1967; Nelson Award 1968; American Dykes Medal 1968.



TALL CHIEF

Smooth mahogany-brown flowers with gold beards, with small veins of yellow around the beard. Tailored shape and short stems. Mid to late season. Height x spread: 86cm x 45cm

1956, DeForest

'**Tall Chief**' ([Fred DeForest](#), R. 1955) Sdlg. 53-59. TB, 38-40", M. Red self. Sdlg.: ('[Argus Pheasant](#)' x '[Garden Glory](#)') X sdlg.: ('[Lockwood](#)' x '[General Patton](#)'). Irisnoll 1956. HM 1957.



THAIS

An old very elegant iris with quite glaucous leaves.

Cayeux (1926)

Season: Early

91cm/35ins

1926, Cayeux

'Thaïs' (Ferdinand Cayeux, 1926) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class R1M. Cayeux et Le Clerc 1926.

From Robert Wayman's catalog for 1940: "Early. Very sweet fragrance. Huge flowers of perfect form in a most unusual and attractive pink tone. one of the most gorgeous of our pink toned Irises which makes a marvelous garden mass."



THE RED DOUGLAS

Dark red historic iris with a gold beard.

Sass (1937)

Season: Late

76cm/29ins

1937, Sass

'The Red Douglas' (Jacob Sass, 1934) TB height 36" Midseason to late bloom. (('Redwing' x 'Cardinal') X 'Joycette'). Honorable Mention 1936; Award of Merit 1939; American Dykes Medal 1941.

From Schreiners Iris Lover's catalog for 1947: "A magnificent iris. A vibrant red of rich plush-like quality. Rich, rosy wine red solid to the haft. It is not the reddest iris but rather a sterling, gorgeously rich, deep dark red. Critics agree it is one of the finest iris we have."



TOP FLIGHT x3

Large, impressive, ruffled flowers in apricot with partially reflexed falls and bright orange beard. May to June. Ht.75cm.(2.5ft.).

1953, Hall

'Top Flight' (David Hall, R. 1953) TB, 36" (91 cm), M. Deep golden apricot. (Earlier registration by same name declared obsolete and name released by Mrs. H. L. Grant.). Sdlg. 46-45 x sdlg. 46-31. Cooley 1953. Honorable Mention 1953, Award of Merit 1955.



WABASH

Revived historic variety dating from 1936, which is new to our collection. An agreeable and graceful amoena with red-purple falls edged with a fine white strip. Bright yellow beards and a slight aniseed perfume.

Tall bearded - Mid-season - size:85cm - colour:Amoena medal : Dykes 1940

1936, Williamson

'**Wabash**'. (E. B. Williamson, R. 1936) TB, Midseason bloom, Color Class W3D (White and Dark Bicolor). ('Dorothy Dietz' X 'Cantabile'). Honorable Mention 1937; Award of Merit 1938; [American Dykes Medal 1940](#). Longfield 1936.

1939 Checklist citations: H.M., A.I.S. 1937; Bull. A.I.S. **66**:88 Sept. 1937; A.M. A.I.S. 1938; Bull. A.I.S. **71**:37 Oct. 1938.

From Cooley's Gardens catalog for 1938: "A new iris so far in advance of others of similar color combination that they are simply not in the race. With clean white standards and bright purple falls, it might have been called 'Elk's Temple,' so well does it call to mind the colors of that well known fraternal organization. The flowers are large and are borne on well branched stalks reaching almost forty inches in height."

Note: The variety '[Bright Hour](#)' has been known to be grown and passed around under the name 'Wabash' - the true 'Wabash' has purple based foliage (PBF), 'Bright Hour' does not.

"The variety Wabash is a good example of top-branching, but the habit has rarely been held against it for two reasons; first, the proportions of the plant are such as to help disguise the poor branching; and, second, there is as yet no widely grown substitute for Wabash. There are better amoenas, to be sure, but it will be several years before they are as widely grown, and as widely known". [*What Makes a Tall Bearded Iris Good or Bad*. The Handbook for Judges, The American Iris Society, Second Installment, July 1953. Reprinted in *A.I.S. Bulletin 130* (July 1953): 81].

WABASH (Williamson). Here is one of the finest irises ever raised, even

better than *Cantabile* and easily the best amoena in commerce. Standards snow white, of perfect form. Falls deep violet with clear white edge. A larger flower than *Cantabile* and a more branching stem-36". [G. L. Pilkington, "Iris Notes", *A.I.S. Bulletin* 74 (July 1939): 32.]



WHITE CITY

Smoothly shaped self. Standards gently ruffled and the flaring falls curl up around the edges. Small milky white iris with some blueing throughout. Small cream beard. A few brown stripes emerge from the hafts. Each flower is perfectly balanced against the next. Dykes UK 1940.

Murrell (1939)

Season: Early to mid-season

91cm/35ins

1939, Murrell

'White City' (Mrs. Olive Murrell, 1939) TB. Midseason bloom. Color Class WW. 'Pageant' x 'Pervaneh'.



WINTER OLYMPICS x3

Flowers have ruffled edges to standards and falls of pure white. Beard similar. May to June. Ht.90cm.(3ft.).

1963, Brown

'Winter Olympics' (Opal Brown, R. 1961). Seedling 9-5A7. TB, height 37" (94 cm). Early to midseason bloom. Color Class WIW, White self; white beard. 'Poet's Dream' X 'Eleanor's Pride'. Brown's Sunnyhill Gardens 1963. High Commendation 1961; Honorable Mention 1964; Judges Choice 1964, 1965; Clara Rees Cup 1966; Award of Merit 1966; American Dykes Medal 1967.

