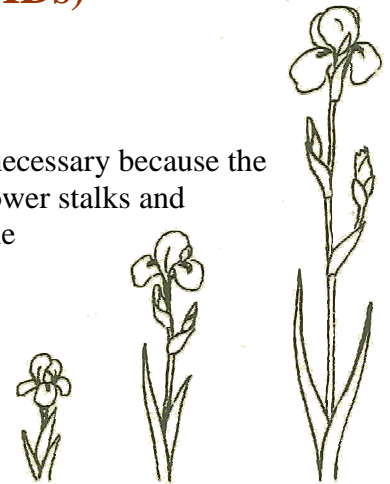


Identification of unnamed bearded irises (NOIDs)

Basic features

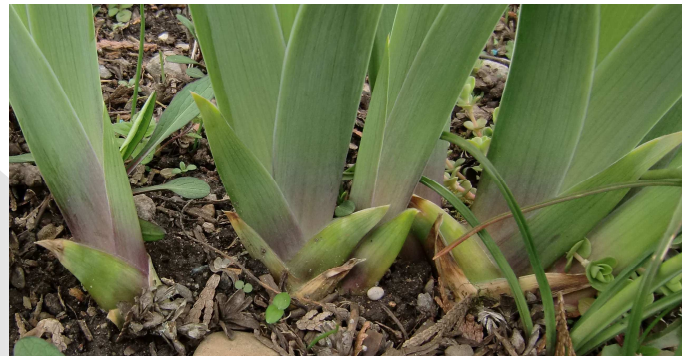
Height of the plant - an exact measurement is not possible and necessary because the height of flower stems may vary depending on the location of the flower stalks and fertilization. However, it is a feature to the iris can be divided into the following categories:

- Dwarf Iris (-16" (40 cm) high)
- Intermediate Iris (16" – 28" (40 - 70 cm) high)
- Tall Bearded Iris (over 28" (70 cm) high)



PBF – some iris have purple-based foliage and/or rhizomes.

This comes from the crossing of *I. variegata*. Since there are breeding only a few hundred of them, it is a good constraint on the search for identification.



Shape of flower – due the breeding targets, the flowers were becoming larger and flatter over the years, with heavy ruffles, extensions at the beards and richer color blends.

Examples:



Evadne 1921
Small flowers, slender,
drooping petals



Foggy Dew 1969
Larger flowers, broader more
rounded petals,
slight ruffles



Coffee Whispers 1999
Large flowers, round, almost
horizontally standing petals,
heavy ruffles

Colors (Photo) – The color of iris can only compare certain, in which one both blossoms, the NOID and the original holds in kind next to each other. I for myself have identify many NOIDs about photos. Here you have to learn to interpret the colors, since most cameras some colors misinterpret. At the example 'Serene Moment':



Approximate age – How long the iris will stay in your garden? Stood it a longer time in another garden before? Was it bought recently? Where it was purchased?

Color of beard – The color of beard is a very significant feature that will help for identification.



Veining of the petals – last but not least can the veining of the petals give a very good feature for identification. Since the iris usually reproduce vegetative and will passed, so they are clones to 100% of the same type. So the venation is like a fingerprint – every identical. By location and weather conditions it can gives deviations in the appearance – the veins are sharper or washed out.

Summary

To identify will be needed: approximate age, height of flower stalks, flower shape, color design, color and shape of the beard, veining of the petals. But the last certitude you can only arrive in direct comparison, flower to flower!