

Wanted: Bliss Irises



Azure. 1919 TB-M-B3D Leonidas x Maori King (same pod as Dusky Maid)

Photo: The garden 1921

Standards light lavender violet reticulated with brownish violet, slightly bronzed. Carriage cupped, arched; blade obovate, fiddle form, notched, undulate, ruffled to frilled, revolute, creped and cockled 1¼ x 2¼". Falls silvery mulberry purple to florite violet veined with same to brownish on lavender outer haft. Carriage flaring to drooping, wedge shaped, convex, obcordate, smooth 2x3". Beard: fine, dense, projecting, brown. Haft narrow deeply channeled, reticulations fine to broad, widely spaced. Style branches broad, overarching. Crest large, fringed, plentiful pollen. Spathe valves scarious, inflated. Form: short to long, compact, oblong to rounded, free flowering. 34", fastigate branching, low, (below centre) poor-good substance, frail-firm texture, Growth Exceedingly vigorous, increase rapid, habit regular, foliage stiff, slender, glaucous green tinged at base. 3 blooms at once, floriferous. Stalk erect to flexuous with 9 buds. Neglecta type, good fragrance. (Cornell University #100)



Bertrand. 1920 TB-M-B3M Trosupurba x Dominion

Photo: AIS Bulletin 29

This variety would be quite outstanding if only for the enormous size of the flowers - it is a giant even among the **Dominion** Race, but in addition to this quality it is a flower of the greatest refinement and beauty and of perfect form. A big strong grower over 3' 6" tall. Standards nearly 3" broad finely arched bright lavender violet, tinged and suffused Hays Violet in the centre. Falls which are 2½" broad are smooth and flat hanging, brilliant rich hyacinth violet to mulberry purple. Colour very clear and bright and very distinct from others of the Dominion race. It created quite a sensation at RHS Chelsea. (Orpington 1923)



Camelot. 1918. TB-M-W2 Assuerus x Mrs Horace Darwin

Photo: Wallace Catalogue 1921

Standards lavender, white at edges plicated with deep lavender. Domed arching, blade ovate -obovate, notched undulate, ruffled and frilled, recolate $1\frac{7}{8} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ ". Falls lavender white to glistening white plicated with deep lavender, reticulated with red-violet, slightly ruffled $1\frac{5}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ ". Beard coarse, dense, projecting conspicuous, white tipped with yellow. haft broad ovoid overarching, crest small fringed pollen plentiful, spathe valves scarious. growth moderate, increase rapid, habit compact, foliage stiff, slender deep glaucous green. 3 blooms at once, floriferous ,stalks; fastigate branching erect to angular with 8 buds, 3 laterals. fair - good size, short-long form, compact rounded. 28-40" medium substance, frail to firm texture good fragrance. (Cornell University: #100)



Centurion 1920 TB-B3D obsolete? AIS checklist 1939 (superseded Wills 1950)

Photo: RHS Herbarium

Habit of **Abdera**. Foliage 24". Flowering stem 36" straight 7-8 flowered, flowers large, well proportioned stiff, scent faint. Standards domed $2\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ ", pale bluish violet with smoky brown veins at base. Falls drooping $2 \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ " rich velvety nigrosin-violet. Beard orange in upper half. Near **Dominion** but paler. Flowering from May 23rd 1927 for 3 weeks (RHS Trials Wisley)



Citronella 1922. Mla-Y9D (Mme Chereau x Jacquesiana)x(Queen of May x Cordelia)

Photo: RHS Herbarium

RHS AM 1922

A large bright yellow flower standing high above the rest. Its standards are of a clear citron at first, which bleaches to a pale primrose with age, and the falls are a crimson purple overlaying a yellow ground which shows at the margin.....though it is not as outstanding a flower as Bruno. (AJB in AIS Bull. 43. 1932)



Dimity. 1919 TB-M-W2 Mme Chereau x Cordelia) x (Mme Chereau x Queen of May)

Photo: The Garden 1922

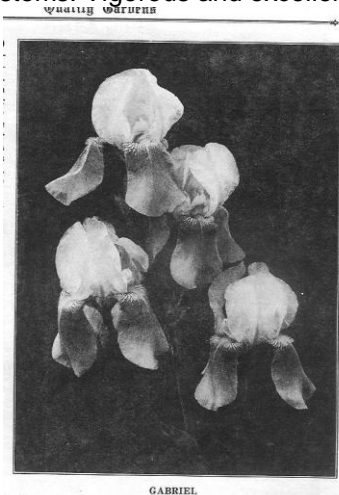
A strong growing variety with tall branching spikes. Standards white slightly veined and penciled mauve, Falls long, wide and spreading, of fine shape, faintly veined with lavender towards upper half. Very decorative as a cut flower. This is one of the most distinct of Mr Bliss's seedlings. Soft colouring will appeal to all. 3'. (Wallace 1920/21/22/24)



E H Jenkins. 1919 TB-M-B3M Princess Beatrice x Trojana

Photo: Wallace catalogue 1922

Effect pale violet self. Standards pallid violet, Falls litho purple blended lighter at edge and intensified at base of blade. Beard conspicuous, white with yellow tips. Exceptionally tall growth, large number of flowers on single well branched stems. Vigorous and excellent for massing. (Cornell University #112)



Gabriel 1921 TB-M-B3M Tartarin x Morwell

Photo: quality Gardens Catalogue 1929

An exceedingly free flowering, tall and branching variety, this iris carries very large and particularly well formed flowers. The Standards are bright clear lavender blue, very broad (2¾"), rounded and finely arched. The Falls are light violet blue, suffused deeper at the haft, as broad as the standards and flat hanging. A really beautiful iris, well up to Mr Bliss's high standard of size and quality. (Orpington:1923)



Hyperion 1921 TB-M-B3D Trosupurba x Dominion

Photo: Wayman catalogue 1931

Lightest blue-toned flower of the Dominion race. Standards bluish lavender. Falls clear bright peroma violet. Strong grower. 3'6". Light blue toned flower of fine but rather long form. Very large flower with long arching Standards of bluish lavender 2 5/8" broad. Falls 2 1/8" broad smooth and hanging with tilted tips, bright peroma violet. Branching, free flowering 3' 2"(AJB 1920/21 + 1921/22)



Knysna 1917. IB-M-Y9D Maori King x Jacquesiana

Photo: AIS Bulletin 29

One of best variegatas. Above chocolate falls arise tall golden standards with a little veining on the inner surface of the segments. Habit is dwarf, sturdy and very free flowering. (1919)

Knysna is good though somewhat small. Still, the pure yellow colour and good shape of the standards, coupled with its tall branching habit give it almost pride of place amongst all the clear yellows in cultivation today. (Gardeners Chronicle: 1922)



Midas 1920 TB-M-Y9M Jacquesiana x Mrs Neubronner

Photo: RHS Journal 1928

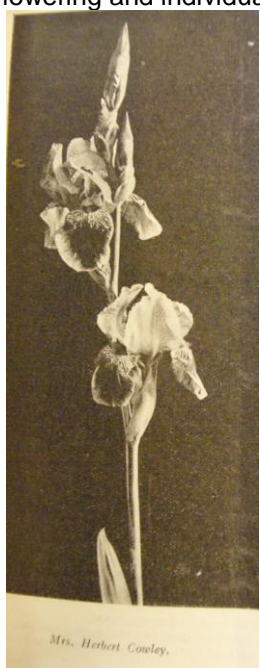
Very late flowering yellow variety. Tall and vigorous with bright golden yellow standards and brown red falls with distinct yellow line down centre. (Wallace: 1920)



Moa 1919 TB-M-B7D ? x Dominion

Photos: Missouri Bot Gdn Bull. 1925. Terry Johnson NZ (2008)

Enormous flowers with very broad arching Standards pure violet colour and broad almost circular smooth flat Falls of deep violet purple or pansy violet. Tallest of Dominion race, a grand grower with well branched spikes. Very free flowering and individual flowers of great substance. 3' 8" (Whitelegg/Orpington 1920)



Mrs Cowley Reg.1920 TB-E-S6M PBF Queen of May x Maori King

Photo: The Garden 1919

Very early and free flowering. Standards coppery pink and Falls deep rich rosy purple. Very striking and beautiful on account of its quiet colouring. 27" (Whitelegg: 1920)



Mrs Tinley 1919 TB-EM-B3M Loppio x Dalmatica

Photo Gardeners' Chronicle 1920

Improved Cengialti pallida hybrid. Very early, producing large flowers of intense self violet blue with a characteristic golden blotch. A magnificent plant. 3' Stock too limited to offer this season. (Whitelegg Orpington: 1920)



Phyllis Bliss 1919 TB-MLa-R1L sweet lavender x macrantha

Photo: Gardeners Chronicle 1922

Graceful in form and outline, with flowers of self pale rosy lavender. Flower spikes very strong and erect growing. One of Mr Bliss's most beautiful and distinctive seedlings. (Wallace 1922)



Titan 1919 TB-LaM-B3M Dominion x Trosupurba

Photo: Orpington Catalogue 1920

Vigorous growth, and of rapid increase. Foliage glaucous green 22-26". Flowering stems 28-30", straight, 5 flowered. Flowers close, well proportioned, stiff. Standards domed 2 3/8 x 2 3/8", bright rosy lavender, Falls drooping, blade 1 3/4 x 2 1/4", rich auricular purple with white beard tipped pale orange. Flowering for 3 weeks from 26.5.1927 (RHS Trials)



Zulu 1920 TB-B3D Dominion x ?

Photo: RHS Herbarium.

Very dark flowered **Dominion** seedling. Large flowers of very good form. Smooth arching Standards 2 1/4" broad and long. Broad hafted hanging falls. Standards dull bluish violet, Falls very rich deep velvety purple. Paler at margins. Medium branching spike. 2' 10" (AJB: 1920/21)