

## Japanese Iris (JI) In Garden Evaluation (Chapter 14)

### GARDEN JUDGING - Introduced Varieties of JI

1. Plant				50
	a. Vigor		35	
		i. Foliage	30	
		ii. Versatility	5	
	b. Stalk		15	
		i. Proportion	5	
		ii. Branching & Bud Count	5	
		iii. Strength & Flower Support	5	
2. Flower				30
	a. Form, Substance & Proportion		20	
	b. Color, Pattern & Texture		5	
	c. Durability		5	
3. Distinctiveness				20
TOTAL				100

### Japanese Section Award – Payne Medal

**An Iris Must Always Be Judged On Its Total Garden Qualities!**

**Awards must always be based on the total iris: plant, stalk, and**

#### General :

Garden judging of JI is based totally on performance in the garden. Never reward varieties with glaring deficiencies. Bloom later than any of the other iris. Cultivars and seedlings must exhibit healthy and vigorous plants for garden use, regardless of how beautiful the flower.

#### Plant - 50 points

##### **Vigor (35 points).**

Single most important set of points in the scale. A plant with vigor will be a good grower, a reliable bloomer and produce many flowers. No iris should receive an award unless it has vigor

##### **Foliage (30 points).**

Foliage can be blue-green or yellowish green, can be upright or fountain-like, must be vigorous and in good proportion to the stalks, disease resistant, virus free and attractive through the growing seasons. Blue-green upright foliage will be the most trouble free.

##### **Versatility (5 points).**

will grow in many soil and climatic conditions.

#### Stalk (15 points).

##### **Proportion (5 points).**

height should be in good proportion to the size of the plant and flowers, with the flower carried above the foliage.

**Branching & Bud Count (5 points)**

Bud count for a clump depends both on branching and on the number of bloom stalks produced. Not be judged on branching alone. Branches present should be spaced so that the individual flowers are properly displayed. Preferably only one flower should open at a time

**Strength & Flower Support (5 points)**

Stalk should be reasonably straight and sufficiently strong to keep the flower erect, regardless of size, during ordinary weather conditions

**Flower - 30 points****Form, Substance & Proportion (20 points)**

Flower parts be harmonious, pleasing and in good proportion. Unusual flower parts must be attractive as well as distinctive. Single types and various double forms equally desirable, include 3-fall types, 6-fall types, and multiple petal (9-petal, 12-petal, etc.). Style arms may be vertical, in graceful arches, or fully converted to petals. Anthers conventional, have petal-like extensions, or converted to petals, may also have petaloids. Standards may be large or small or converted into falls, maybe vertical or angled, plain or fancy. Falls may be tailored, ruffled or fluted. Narrow falls, recurved falls or prominent holes in the top of the flower) which limits the show of color should be penalized. Flowers may vary from 3 to 10 inches.

**Color, Pattern & Texture (5 points)**

Colors must be clear and pleasing. New colors should be encouraged whether they come from chromosome mutation or genetic engineering patterns, including selfs, veining, rays, bicolors, marbled, splashed, blends, shading, sanding, etc. All of these are encouraged but must be harmonious. Texture include velvety, satiny, creped and smooth.

**Durability (5 points)**

Must have the ability to resist heat, rain and other stresses and to remain fresh at least two days. High temperatures may cut the flower life in half

**Distinctiveness - 20 points**

Distinctiveness may be a new color, a new pleasing pattern, a new harmonious combination of colors, a new graceful form, a new pleasing texture, a new size, more floriferousness, more durability, a different bloom season, a longer season, more flexible growing conditions, or more disease resistance. Distinctiveness must be an improvement.

**Judging Seedlings**

A new cultivar which not only conforms to the guidelines for the class, but exhibits desirable qualities comprising improvement and/or innovation.