

## Miniature Dwarf Bearded (MDB) In Garden Evaluation – Chapter 12

1. Flower			40
	a. Color	20	
	b. Form	15	
	c. Substance & Texture	5	
2. Plant & Foliage			25
	a. Leaves & Stalk	10	
	b. Floriferousness	10	
	c. Vigor	5	
3. Overall Proportion			20
4. Distinctiveness			15
TOTAL			100

### Garden Judging of Introduced & Seedling MDB Iris

#### MDB Section Award – Caparne-Welch 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:

Stalk height up to 8", usually unbranched. Flower 1.6"-3" wide. *I. pumila* most important species in MDB background. MDBs of pure *I. pumila* origin usually bloom first.

#### Flowers -- 40 points

##### Color Finish (20 points)

Variety with sharp, clear spot superior to fuzzy spot. Halo and wing spot patterns should be pleasing. Overlays should enhance color and not appear muddy or smeared. Spotting and streaking seen in cold wet weather normal; varieties without this should be credited. Matching or contrasting beard preferred over indistinct beards. Style arm color in open standard varieties can be significant

##### Form (15 points)

Flaring falls important but recurved acceptable if not abrupt and shows color and pattern. Falls that roll to a point acceptable if not extreme. Firly held open standards that reveal interesting interior as acceptable as domed. Compact bushy beards preferred.

##### Substance and texture (5 points)

Crisp, firm substance. Texture, whether silky, velvety, or waxy, etc., should enhance color effect

#### Plant and Foliage -- 30 points

##### Stalk and Leaves (10 points)

Leaves shorter than flowers; width proportional but generally  $< 5/8''$ . Slender foliage more desirable. Stalk usually unbranched, but if branched should not crowd. Stalks clean, slender, with inconspicuous spathes.

**Floriferousness (10 points)**

Comes not from stalk but clump. Several stalks from 1 rhizome via *I. pumila*.

**Unacceptable:** a mass of bloom lasting only a few days or sparse bloom spread over many weeks. **Acceptable:** many flowers spread over 2 or more weeks (usually from extra buds, stalks, branching)

**Vigor (5 points)**

Too much results in crowded clump requiring frequent division. Too little is more often the problem. Should tolerate a wide range of climates. Penalize those doing well only in mild climates.

**Overall Proportion -- 20 points**

Dainty flowers, with flowers and stem in proportion to overall plant

**Distinctiveness -- 15 points**

Flower may lose points for form but gain points for distinctiveness. Too many unique MDBs are over-looked due to minor faults.

**Judging Seedlings**

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