

James Marion Schull in his book "Rainbow Fragments", 1931, in the chapter "A Selected List of Better Varieties, with Formal Descriptions" provides descriptions of sixty-four varieties of tall bearded Iris. Below is the chapter's introductory paragraph and his description of this Iris.

Many attempts have been made to name the best twelve, the best twenty-five, fifty, or the best hundred varieties of the tall bearded Iris. This is of course an impossible task and certainly one that cannot be performed by one gardener for another or by the author for his readers. The sixty-four varieties here singled out for special consideration are not presented as the best sixty-four, but they are among the best as indicated by the critical judgement of a sufficient number of judges to assure them a fairly stable position in the scale of rating as provided by the American Iris Society in its recently published Symposium.

'Taj Mahal' (Sturtevant, 1921). A white self.

Excellence	In form, size, and height.
Color	Good and clean.
Form	Very good.
Standards	Erect, arching.
Falls	Flaring to drooping.
Substance	Good.
Size	Good.
Haft	With indistinct lavender to brown reticulations widely spaced.
Beard	White, passing to yellow within the throat.
Fragrance	Very Sweet.
Spathes	Scarious.
Foliage	Stiff, broad; glaucous deep green tinged purple at base.
Growth	Vigorous, with fairly good increase.
Stalk	Erect, to 38 inches, with short, high, but well-placed branches.
Bloom	Moderately free.
Time	Midseason.

REMARKS A white of fine form and bearing but still too new to permit of final determination of its value in the landscape.