

Study on plant material of annual borders and autumn  
perennial borders, and their flowering period at the  
Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at Wisley

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英國王立園芸協会 ウィズレー ガーデン の一年草ボーダーと  
秋咲き宿根草ボーダーにおける植物の種類と開花時期の調査

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**Plant material and results**

1. Annual border

Plant materials of the annual border and their flowering periods were observed at the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at Wisley. The annual border was a double border, which consisted of a hardy annual border and a half hardy annual border. The hardy annual border consisted of 52 species or varieties and the half hardy annual border consisted of 48.

Seeds of hardy annuals were sown directly in the border bed from 19 to 23 April in 1993. Seeds of half hardy annuals were sown from January to March in the green house. The temperature was kept at 10°C minimum until the seedlings were planted out on the border bed from 1 to 5 June. The maps of both borders are shown in Fig.1 and 2. Flowering was observed every week from 29 June to 5 October. Flowering period is shown in Table 2. Plant height was measured at the time of full bloom. All plants were removed from beds on 12 October.

2. Autumn perennial border

Plant material of autumn perennial borders and their flowering period were observed. The autumn perennial border was a double border, each of which was 29m long and 5m wide. The two borders consisted of 62 and 56 species or varieties each. The maps of both borders were shown in Fig. 3 and 4. Flowering was observed from 20 July to 17 November in 1993. There was a heavy frost for 4 days from 15 to 19 October, and many flowers were severely damaged.

The mean monthly maximum and minimum temperature in 1993 is shown in Table 1. Scientific names of plants were confirmed by 「The RHS Plant Finder 1997-1998, D.K.」. The author thanks to Mr. Andy Hart, Supervisor of the Floral Department at the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at Wisley.

**Table 1. Mean monthly maximum and minimum temperature at the Wisley Garden in 1993**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
1993	mean maximum	11.6 °C	14.4	17.5	21.3	20.9	21.1	17.0
	mean minimum	1.1	5.1	6.6	10.4	11.5	9.8	8.1

Table 2. Flowering period of Hardy and Half Hardy Annual Plants at the Wisley Garden in 1993<sup>1</sup>

Plant Name	Hardy (H) <sup>1</sup> or Half Hardy (HH)	seed Company <sup>3</sup>	Date sown <sup>4</sup>	Height <sup>5</sup> (cm)	29/June	6/July	13	20	27	3/Aug.	10	17	24	1/Sep.	7	14	21	28	5/Oct.
Ageratum 'Blue Horizon'	HH (C2) <sup>2</sup>	D	16/Mar.	70	x 6	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	△	△	
Ageratum 'Highness'	HH (E3)	T&M	18/Mar.	90	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	△	×	
Agrostemma 'Milas'	H (D3)	D	19-23/Apr.	110										△	△	△	×	△	
Alyssum 'Sweet White'	HH (E1)	T&M	24/Mar.	40	x	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Althaea rosea 'Summer Carnival'	HH (D3)	S	19-23/Apr.	180	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Anchusa 'Blue Bird'	H (B2·3)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	35										●	●	●	●	●	
Anchusa 'Dawn'	H (D1)	D	19-23/Apr.	35										●	●	●	●	●	
Argemone 'Yellow Lustre'	H (A2)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	85										●	●	●	●	●	
Brachycome 'Blue Star'	HH (C1)	D	24/Mar.	40	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Brachycome 'Purple Splendour'	HH (B1·2)	T&M	24/Mar.	40	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Cacalia coccinea	H (B3)	S	19-23/Apr.	70	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Calceolaria 'Sunset'	HH (A3)	D	13/Jan.	23	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Calceolaria 'Sunshine'	HH (E1)	S	13/Jan.	40	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Calendula 'Stormy Sunset'	H (A1)													●	●	●	●	●	
Calendula 'Sunglow'	H (B1·2)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	76	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Callistephus 'Duchess Mixed'	HH (D2·3)	D	16/Mar.	80										●	●	●	●	●	
Callistephus 'Pink Magic'	HH (B2·3)	U	16/Mar.	70										●	●	●	●	●	
Callistephus 'Pompom Aster'	HH (A2·3)	Chil	16/Mar.	90										●	●	●	●	●	
Carthamus 'Lasting White'	H (A3)	Chil	19-23/Apr.	60										●	●	●	●	●	
Catharanthus 'Peppermint Coole'	HH (E3)	U	18/Mar.	30										●	●	●	●	●	
Celosia 'Apricot Brandy'	HH (C3)	S	10/Feb.	40										●	●	●	●	●	
Centaurea 'Black Ball'	H (E2)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	60										●	●	●	●	●	
Centaurea 'Ultra Dwarf Blue'	H (C1)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	65	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	
Chrysanthemum 'Polar Star'	H (B3)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	80										●	●	●	●	●	
Chrysanthemum 'Primrose Gem'	H (A2)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	110										●	●	●	●	●	
Chrysanthemum 'Zebra'	H (A2·3)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	90										●	●	●	●	●	
Clarkia 'Pink Ribbon's	H (D2)	U	19-23/Apr.	60										●	●	●	●	●	
Cleome 'Pink Queen'	HH (C2)	Chil	2/Mar.	160	x									●	●	●	●	●	
Cleome 'Violet Queen'	HH (C2)	Chil	2/Mar.	150										●	●	●	●	●	
Cosmos 'Sonata'	HH (C2)	D	16/Mar.	65	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	

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Cosmos 'Sunny Gold'	HH (D2)	S	16/Mar.	85	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	x	△	△
Cosmos 'Versailles Tetra'	HH (B3)	T&M	16/Mar.	110	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Coreopsis 'Early Sunrise'	H (B2)	S	19-23/Apr.	70	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Coreopsis 'Golden Crown'	HH (B2-3)	D	19-23/Apr.	85		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Craspedia globosa	H (A2)		19-23/Apr.	90		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○
Crepis rubra	H (E2)	D	19-23/Apr.	60	x	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Cynoglossum 'Permanent'	H (C2)	U	19-23/Apr.	85	x	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Delphinium ajacis 'Stock flowered special Mixed'	H (D3)	S	19-23/Apr.	120		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Delphinium 'Blue Cloud'	HH (B2)	D	19-23/Apr.	80	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	x
Dimorphotheca 'Glistening White'	H (A3)	D	19-23/Apr.	37		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	x
Felicia heterophylla 'The Blues'	H (C2)	S	19-23/Apr.	35		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	x
Gaillardia 'Yellow Plume'	HH (C2)	D	28/Mar.	75	x	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	x
Gaura lindheimeri	H (A3)	S	19-23/Apr.	65		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	x
Gazania 'Mini-Star White'	HH (E1)	U	16/Mar.	30	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Gazania 'Orange & Lemon'	HH (D1)	S	16/Mar.	30	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	△	△	△	△	△
Geranium 'Horizon Red'	HH (A1)	S	10/Mar.	40		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Geranium 'Silky White'	HH (E3)	U	10/Feb.	40	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	x
Godetia 'Crimson Glow'	H (D2)	D	19-23/Apr.	60		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Godetia 'Sybil Sherwood'	H (D2)	S	19-23/Apr.	40		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gomphrena globosa 'Buddy'	H (D1)	Chil	19-23/Apr.	15		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Gypsophila 'Deep Rose'	H (D2-3)	Chil	19-23/Apr.	30		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Helianthus 'Orange Sun'	H (B3)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	100		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Heliotropium 'Marine'	HH (C2)	S	10/Feb.	65		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Iberis 'Cream Flash'	H (A2)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	37		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Iberis 'Dwarf Fairyland Mix'	HH (E1)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	45		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Impatiens 'Camellia Flowered'	HH (A2)	S	16/Mar.	75		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
Layia elegans	H (B1)	D	19-23/Apr.	60		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	x
Legousia 'Blue Carpet'	H (C1)	D	19-23/Apr.	50		○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	x



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Salvia 'Pink Lady'	H (D2)	S	19-23/Apr.	70			x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Sanvitalia procumbens	HH (C1)	D	14/Mar.	40		x	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Scabiosa 'Blue Moon'	H (B3)	T&M	19-23/Apr.	100			x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
Tanacetum 'Grandiflora'	HH (E2)	D	2/Mar.	80	x	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	△	△	△	△	
Tanacetum 'White Gem'	HH (E2)	S	2/Mar.	30	x	○	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	△	
Tithonia 'Goldfinger'	HH (C3)	S	30/Mar.	90	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	×	
Tropaeolum 'Whirly Bird Mixed'	H (A1)	S	19-23/Apr.	90	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	△	
Ursinia anethoides	H (B2)	D	19-23/Apr.	75			x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	△	△	△	△	
Viscaria 'Rose Angel'	H (D1·2)	S	19-23/Apr.	35		x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	△	△	△	△	
Viscaria 'Royal Celebration'	H (D1·2)	D	19-23/Apr.	50		x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	△	

<sup>a</sup>H=Plants at Hardy annual border; HH=plants at Half Hardy border. <sup>b</sup>Place in the border. <sup>c</sup>Seed companies: D=Dobies, T&M=Thompson and Morgan, U=Unwins, S=Sutton, Chil=Chilton. <sup>a</sup>Seeds of plants at Hardy annual border were sown directly in the garden bed from 19th to 23th of April. Seeds of the plants at Half Hardy annual border were sown in the green house, and temperature was kept at 10 °C minimum. Seedlings were planted in the garden bed from 1st to 5th of June. <sup>b</sup>Plant height indicates the height at full bloom. <sup>c</sup>Flowering conditions: x=no open flowers observed, ○=no dead flowers observed, ●=full bloom, △=dead flowers exceed opened flowers. All plants were removed from the beds on 12th of October.

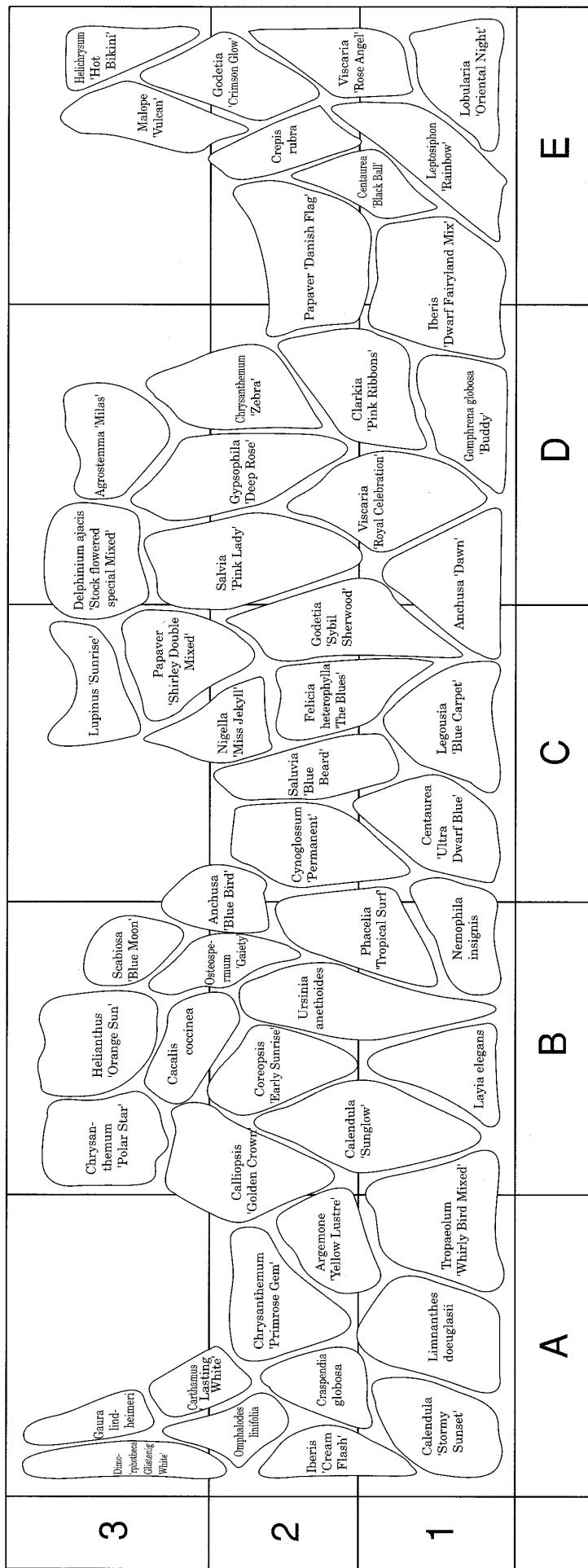


Fig. 1. Hardy Annual Border at the Wisley Garden in 1993.

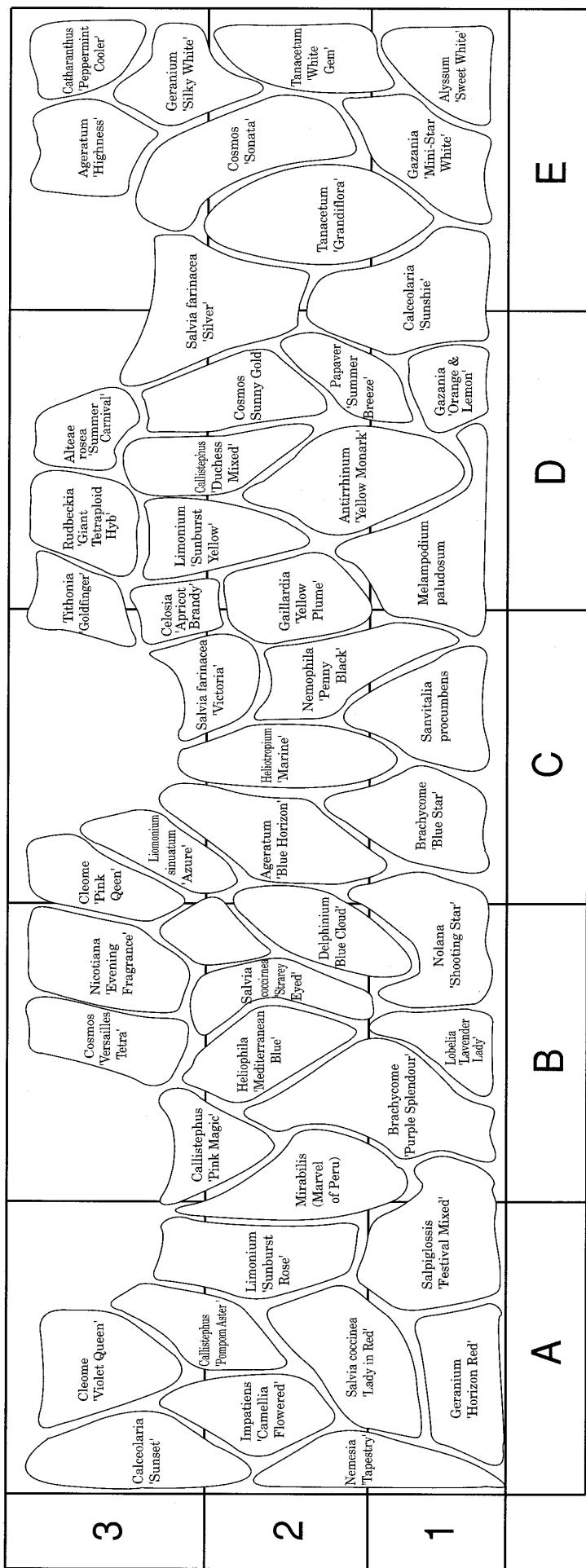


Fig. 2. Half Hardy Annual Border.

Table 3. Flowering period of Autumn Garden Plants at the Wisley Garden in 1993

Plant Name	Place in the border	20/July/26	26	8/Aug.	10	17	24	1/Sep.	7	13	21	28	5/Oct.	12	19	26	3/Nov.	10	17
Anemone hupehensis 'Splendens'	II - F - 2			x <sup>1</sup>	○												△	- <sup>2</sup>	
Anemone x hybrida 'Alba'	II - B - 3			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Bressingham Glow'	I - B - 2			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Geante des Blanches'	II - F - 3			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Lady Gilmour'	I - D - 3			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Luise Uhink'	I - E - 2			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Monterosa'	II - C - 2			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Prince Henry'	I - D - 2 / E - 3			x	○	x											●	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Prinz Heinrich'	I - D - 2			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Queen Charlotte'	II - A - 3			x	○	x											△	△	-
Anemone x hybrida 'Whirlwind'	I - A - 3			x	○	x											△	△	-
Aster amellus 'Blue King'	I - F - 1			x	○	x											△	△	-
Aster amellus 'Jacqueline Genebrier'	I - B - 1 · 2			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster amellus 'King George'	I - D - 1			x	○	x											●	○	-
Aster amellus 'Lac de Gen ve'	II - C - 2			x	○	x											△	△	-
Aster amellus 'Lady Hindlip'	I - C - 2			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster amellus 'Pink Zenith'	II - F - 1			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster amellus 'Ultramare'	I - F - 3			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster amellus 'Weltfriede'	II - E - 1			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster coelestis 'Coombe Fishacre'	II - C - 2			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster cordifolius 'Aldebaran'	I - C - 3			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster cordifolius 'Sweet Lavender'	II - E - 3			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster divaricatus	I - F - 2			x	○	x											●	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Blue Star'	I - D - 2			x	○	x											●	○	-
Aster ericoides 'Brimstone'	II - E - 2			x	○	x											○	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Cinderella'	II - F - 2			x	○	x											○	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Desire'	I - E - 1			x	○	x											○	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Erlk nig'	I - A - 3			x	○	x											○	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Esther'	I - A - 1			x	○	x											○	△	-
Aster ericoides 'Golden Spray'	II - C - 3			x	○	x											○	△	-





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Dendranthema 'Whendy Baker'	II-B-1	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Dendranthema 'White Gloss'	I-D-1	x	x	○	○	○	●●●●	△	△	-	-	-	-	-
Dendranthema 'Yellow Pom'	I-C-1	x	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Liriope muscari	I-C-1, II-B-1	○	○	●	△	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Apple Blossom'	II-C-1	○	○	●	△	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Barbara Barker'	I-A-2	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Chester Scarlet'	I-F-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Firebird'	I-B-1, 2	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Flame'	II-F-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Garden Red'	I-F-2	△	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Lord Home'	II-F-1, 2	○	●	△	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Mrs Morse'	I-C-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Myddelton Gem'	II-C-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Peace'	II-A-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Pennington Gem'	II-E-1	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Port Wine'	I-A-2	○	○	△	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Snow Storm'	II-D-2	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Sour Grapes'	I-D-1	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Penstemon 'Thorn'	I-B-1, 2	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm'	II-D-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Schizostylis coccinea 'Major'	II-F-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Schizostylis coccinea 'Sunrise'	I-A-1	○	○	●●●●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Schizostylis coccinea 'Viscountess Byng'	I-C-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	II-A-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Sedum x spectabile 'Brilliant'	II-D-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Sedum x spectabile 'Carmen'	I-B-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-
Sedum x spectabile 'September Glow'	I-E-1	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	-

<sup>1</sup>Flowering conditions: × =no open flowers observed, ○=flowering started, ●=full bloom, △=dead flowers exceed open flowers.

<sup>2</sup>There was a heavy frost for 4 days from 15th to 19th of October, and most flowers were severely damaged.

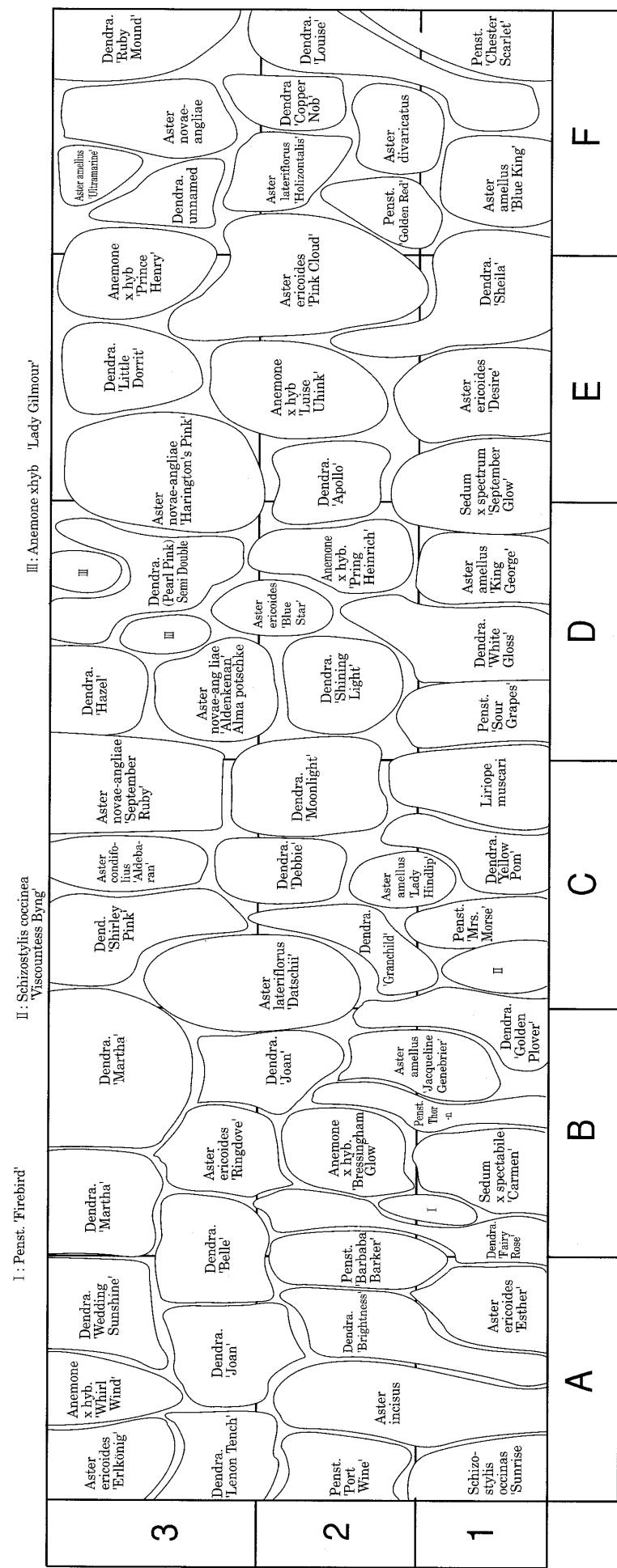


Fig. 3. Autumn perennial Border at the Wisley Garden in 1993 (No. I) .

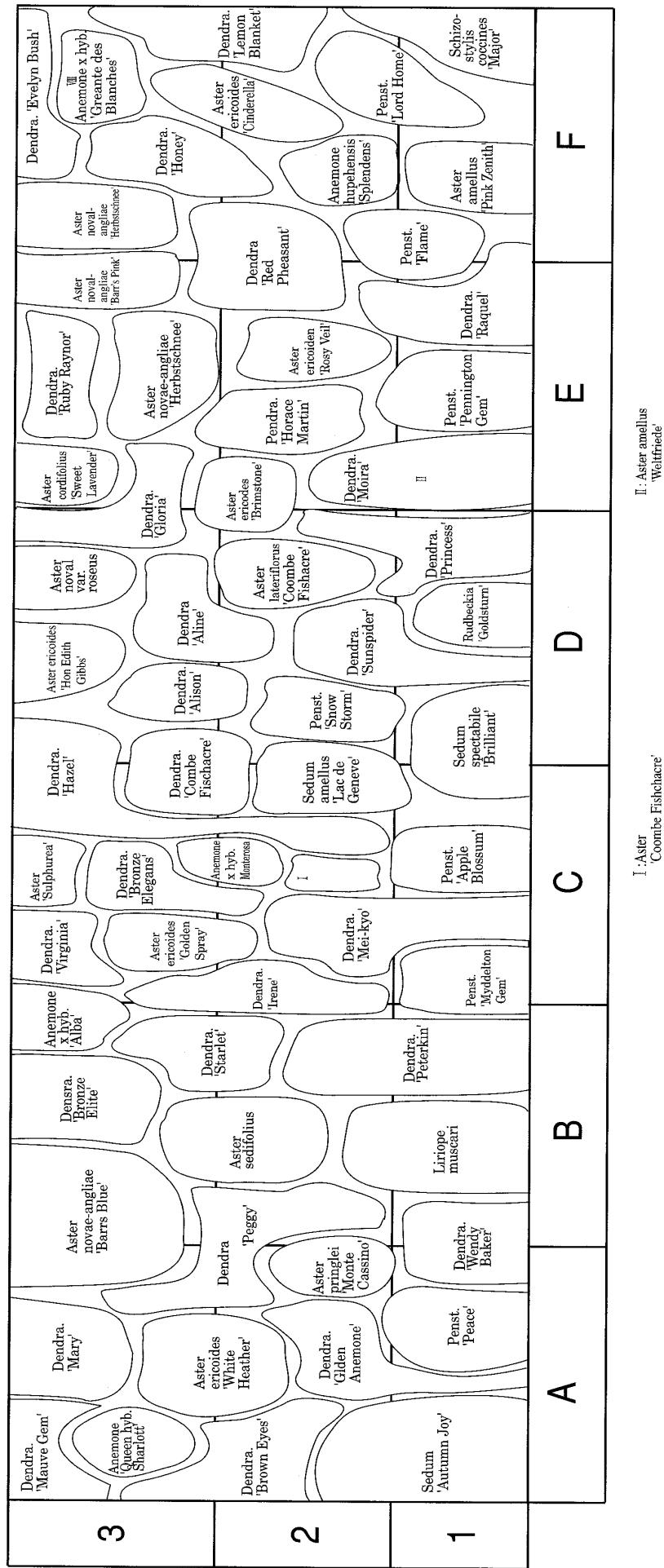


Fig. 4. Autumn perennial Border at the Wisley Garden in 1993 (No. II)