

KEY TO CULTIVATED SISYRINCHIUM

(Hatch 1989)

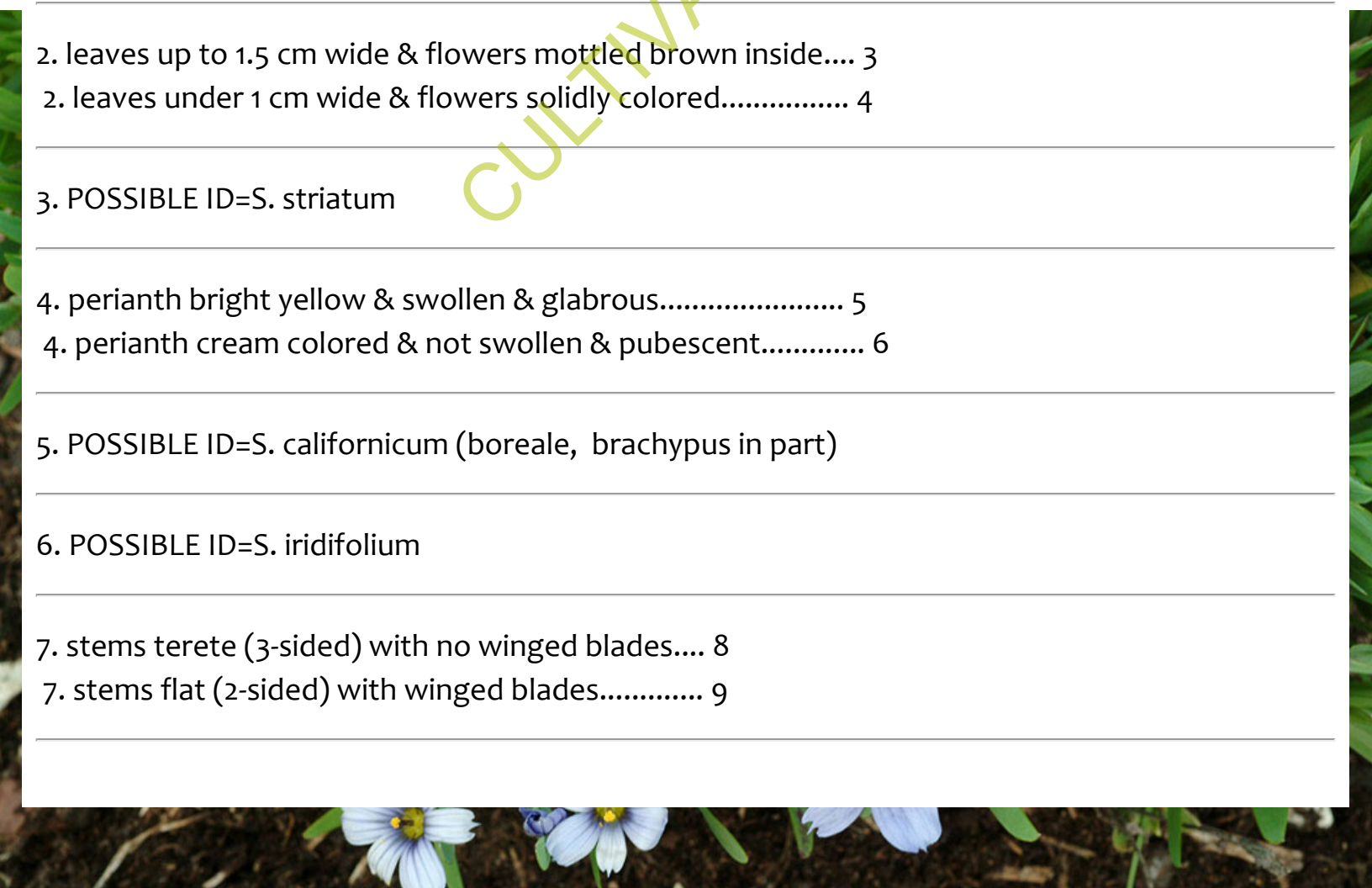
Copyright 1989, 2000, 2015. Laurence C. Hatch. All Rights Reserved.

www.cultivar.org

A number of garden hybrids today are likely interspecific hybrids and may not key out to a single species. The Flora of North America lists 43 taxa but the vast majority of these are not cultivated even by rock garden and western flora collectors at this time in 2015.

-
1. flowers yellow to creamy yellow..... 2
1. flowers blue, purple, to red or white..... 7
1. flowers pink, tinged tan, with distinct chocolate brown ring, gold throat..... 'Quant and Queer', a very popular hybrid
-
2. leaves up to 1.5 cm wide & flowers mottled brown inside.... 3
2. leaves under 1 cm wide & flowers solidly colored..... 4
-
3. POSSIBLE ID=*S. striatum*
-
4. perianth bright yellow & swollen & glabrous..... 5
4. perianth cream colored & not swollen & pubescent..... 6
-
5. POSSIBLE ID=*S. californicum* (*boreale*, *brachypus* in part)
-
6. POSSIBLE ID=*S. iridifolium*
-
7. stems terete (3-sided) with no winged blades.... 8
7. stems flat (2-sided) with winged blades..... 9
-

CULTIVAR.ORG



8. POSSIBLE ID=*S. douglasii*

9. stems unbranched with a single spathe..... 10

9. stems branched with numerous spathes..... 11

10. POSSIBLE ID=*S. montanum*

11. basal leaves equal or longer than the stems.... 12

11. basal leaves half as long as the stems..... 13

12. POSSIBLE ID=*S. bermudiana*

13. spathes of various length & perianth white.....*S. bellum* 'Album'

13. spathes of various lengths & perianth purple veined darker.... 14

13. spathes equal in length & perianth solid light blue..... 15

14. =*S. bellum*

15. POSSIBLE ID=*S. angustifolium*

NOTE: 'Lucerne' is a very popular, rich blue clone of this species, widely sold in 2015 and years before.

