

Plant Label Information

The black and white labels of the four gardens summarise key facts about the specimen. The following notes will assist in interpreting this information:

1. Plant Family: a large grouping of plants of fundamentally similar characters (e.g. the heath family, Ericaceae). The scientific name of a plant is composed of two parts - its generic name and a specific epithet.
2. Genus: a grouping of closely related species (e.g. *Rhododendron*).
3. Species: the basic taxonomic unit (e.g. *wardii*). An 'x' before the specific epithet indicates that the plant is a hybrid; the parentage may be shown in brackets. Thus *Eucryphia* x *nymansensis* is the result of crossing the species *Eucryphia cordifolia* and *Eucryphia glutinosa*.
4. Subspecies, Variety or, if in inverted commas, Cultivar name. E.g. the wild rock rose *Helianthemum nummularium* has a cultivar 'Rose of Leewood'.
5. Section or Subsection: a group of related species within a large genus such as *Rhododendron*.
6. Common name (this is often absent), for example "Rock Rose"
7. Collector's name and number: identifies the individual who gathered the specimen from the wild, and the running number of these cumulative collections.
8. Country or geographic area to which the plant is native. In some labels indicate 'garden origin', indicating that the plant has been produced by selection in cultivation.
9. Plant accession number in the RBGE record system; the first four digits (sometimes only two) state the year in which the plant came to the Garden.
10. Qualifier or the letter at the end of the Accessions number identifying individual plants within an accession.
11. Special Codes. Key letters or symbols indicate the status of the plant:-
 - a. T = The plant is threatened or endangered in the wild; (shown as* on older labels)
 - b. V = Verified: the identity of the plant has been confirmed by an expert.
 - c. W = Plant of wild origin, acquired directly from the wild for the RBGE; (shown as +on older labels).

11	W	ERICACEAE	1
	V		
		<i>Rhododendron</i>	2
		<i>wardii</i>	3
		<i>ssp wardii</i>	4
		(subsection <i>Campylocarpa</i>)	5
7		Rock 25391	
9		33.1052 SW China	8

		EUCRYPHIACEA	
		<i>Eucryphia</i>	
		X <i>nymansensis</i>	3
		'Nymansay'	4
		(<i>E. cordifolia</i> x <i>glutinosa</i>)	5
9		1959.9627	8

11	V	CISTACEAE	
		"Rock Rose"	
		<i>Helianthemum</i>	6
		<i>nummularium</i>	
		'Rose of Leewood'	4
9		1956.1031 Garden Origin	8

11	V	MAGNOLIACEAE	
		<i>Magnolia</i>	
		<i>liliiflora</i>	6
4		var. <i>obovata</i>	
10		1939.0203 A SE & NE Asia	8