

## Why don't we label all of our plants?



We are often asked why there are so few plant labels in the Garden

### **An explanation**

We realise that it can be frustrating when you want to know the name of a particular plant. There are several reasons why we limit the number of labels:

- We want to retain the feel of a family garden. We are not a botanical garden
- Too many labels in a border can give the look of a cemetery. The borders have several seasons of interest - Spring labels have no relevance in Autumn.
- Labels tend to get moved, sometimes they even go to another place.
- Birds and gardeners can dislodge labels during maintenance. A label in the wrong place is of no use.
- We don't want to encourage visitors to step on the borders to get a better look at the label.

## How to identify a plant

If there are plants you would like to know the name of, we will do our best to help.

- Ask one of the gardeners. We are always happy to answer any queries, such as how to grow it or where to buy it. We will even write the name down for you if you would like us to.
- Use one of the border guides that we are developing and are available to download from the website or from the Gift Room.
- Ask one of the volunteers.
- Leave an email address and we will get back to you. Do remember to give a good description of the plant and where it is growing in the garden.
- Take a photo of the plant and send it to [info@dorothyclivegarden.co.uk](mailto:info@dorothyclivegarden.co.uk)