

Botanical Name: Iris species

Common Name: Dutch Iris

Type of Plant: monocot: bulb Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, grasslike plant arising from a true bulb.

Flowers are held well above the foliage

Height 1-1/2-2' Spread to 1' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy - all zones

Morphology:

Leaves to 2' long, boat shaped, with a blue-green color--

frequently arching and soft, 1/2" wide

Flowers brightly colored, 3-part flowers on 2' long scapes -- blue,

orange, white, yellow and combinations

Fruit small woody capsule

Propagation: division, seed (for hybridizing)

Usage: good in sunny, warm beds, border plantings, containers,

also used in rock gardens, naturalized slope plantings, excellent cut flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering needs ample water during growth--keep fairly dry after

foliage dies back in summer

Fertilizing high potassium fertilizer when planting, low N yearly

Pruning leave foliage on until fully mature

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained soils

Special Conditions can be lifted and dried during summer months

Origin: Hybrids Family: Iridaceae