

Botanical Name: Iris x germanica

Common Name: Bearded Iris

Type of Plant: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright stiff clump of wide, grasslike foliage--eventually becomes very large and dense

Height 1-3' Spread 2-3' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun, to part shade

Soil needs good drainage -- add organic matter

Hardiness hardy

Morphology:

Leaves swordlike to 3' long, 3" wide, pale green to blue-green color; usually very stiff and rigid

Flowers large showy, solitary flowers to 4" across, have a "beard" of small hairs -- wide color range

Fruit inconspicuous capsule

Propagation: division, after blooming (3-4 years)

Usage: widely used in borders, mass plantings, size will dictate their location and use in the garden, used extensively on slopes, beds, borders, background plantings and drought-tolerant landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering deep, but infrequent watering is best; over-watering can cause root rot

Fertilizing feed before and after bloom, use low nitrogen fertilizer

Pruning remove dead leaves, flower stalks

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions when dividing, let rhizomes heal 3-4 days before planting

Origin: Hybrids Family: Iridaceae