

Botanical Name: Iris orientalis

Common Name: Spuria iris

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Iridaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Thick clump of upright, stiff sword like leaves with vertical clusters of white, yellow or blue non-bearded iris flowers

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil likes a rich, neutral to slightly alkaline soil

Hardiness hardy - Zones 4-24

Morphology:

Leaves long, sword-like, blue green in color, up to 2" wide, 5 ft. long; usually arranged in flat clusters

Flowers spike of white, yellow or blue iris flowers to 4" across, usually striped with yellow inside

Fruit woody capsule to 3" long, 1" across

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: large filler or background perennial for foliage and flowers  
large scale plant best used in larger perennial beds and forest style landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering during winter and spring, plants go semi-dormant in summer and need little water

Fertilizing none usually required; use slow-release if needed

Pruning cut back to ground in winter for best appearance

Pests/Diseases flower thrips, snails

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: Eastern Asia