

Botanical Name: Iris cristata

Common Name: Walking iris

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Iridaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Spreading, rhizomatous plant with both rhizomes and slender
runners which allow the plant to spread quickly

Height to 18 in. Spread 8 ft. or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers partial shade

Soil grows best with added organic matter in soil

Hardiness Hardy – Zones 3-7, 15-17

Morphology:

Leaves to 12" long, 1" wide, flat, glossy with prominent veins; variegated
form has white striping toward the center of the leaf

Flowers Clusters of white or lavender flowers, each about 1" across; the
"beard" is replaced with a crest of golden fine fringe

Fruit capsule

Propagation: runners and division

Usage: Fast spreading filler for subtropical or forest theme landscapes;
favored in moist, well-amended soils and slightly shady conditions – also
used in Oriental theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing slow release in spring

Pruning control spread by removing runners where unwanted

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs are major pests of this Iris

Other

Origin: Southeast U.S.