



Did you know?

Iris species are occasionally to rarely consumed by deer

Overview

- The American Iris Society divides irises into three main classifications: Bearded, Aril and Beardless Irises.
- Flowers may be white, yellow, pink, purple, blue, reddish or bicolored.
- Iris flowers have 6 petals. The 3 upright petals are called standards; the 3 that hang down are called falls.

Production

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Usually, tall bearded irises bloom in May and June. Several varieties bloom in both spring and fall.

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Bearded irises live through severe droughts and cold.

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Irises are ornamental herbaceous perennials.

Iris

Kingdom: Plantae

Class: Liliopsida

Order: Liliales

Family: Iridaceae Juss.

Genus: Iris L.



History

- Though native to Egypt, iris spread throughout Europe, Africa, Asia and India.
- In ancient Egypt, the iris represented immortality and guided souls to the afterlife. For Greeks, it was a rainbow bridge to the gods.

Sources:

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