



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

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

Bearded irises live through severe droughts and cold.

Irises are ornamental herbaceous perennials.

Iris

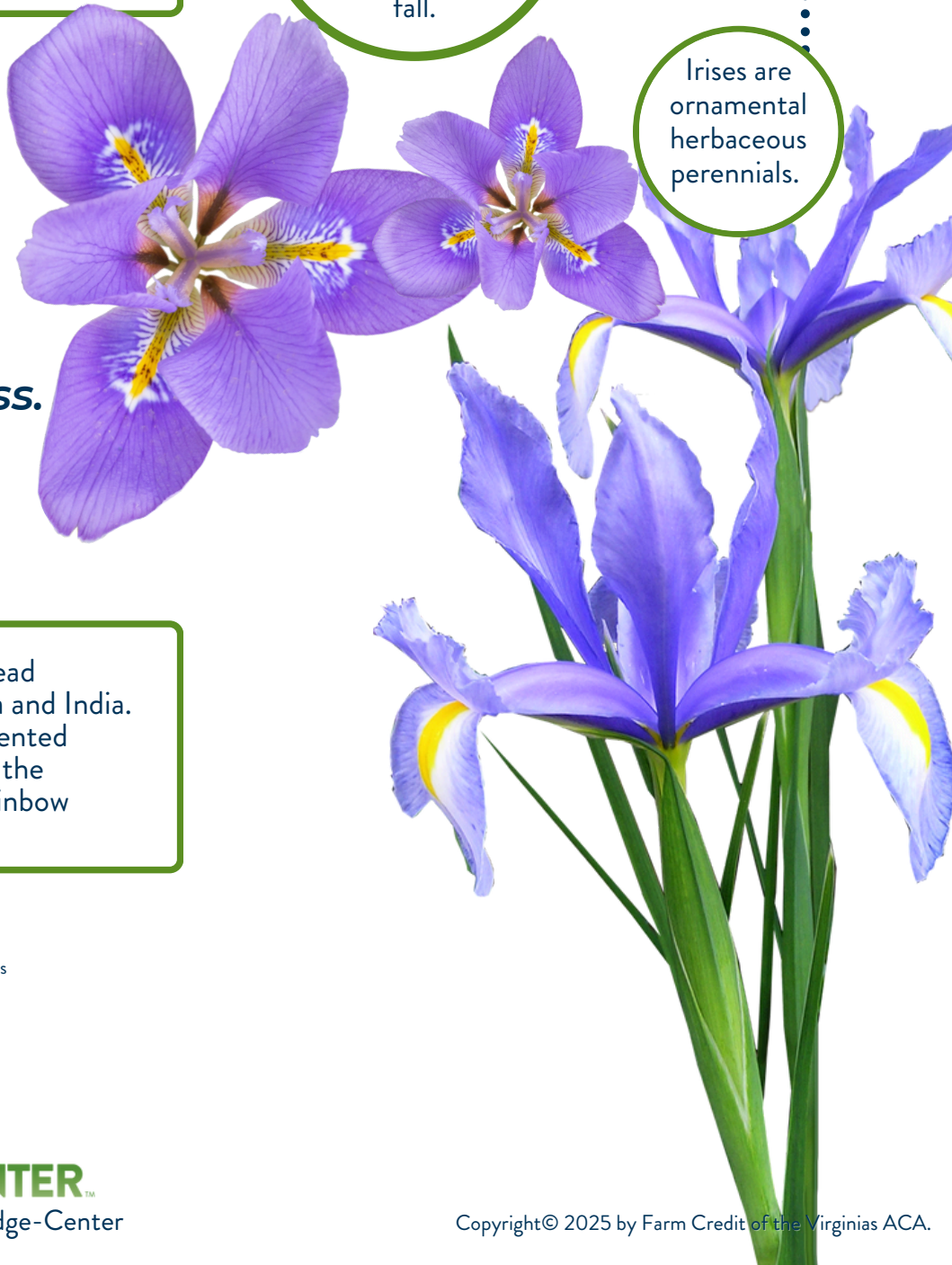
Kingdom: Plantae

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.

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