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IRIS LIST 2010

Iris

Full Sun to Part Shade

cristata: (Dwarf Crested Iris) blue flowers, woody plant, 6-10", April-May.

cristata 'Powder Blue Giant': Light blue-purple flowers with golden crests and darker blue accents, 12", April-May.

pallida 'Variegata': Striking variegated foliage of green and creamy yellow stripes, delicate lavender-blue flowers in June, 3-4'.

German Iris

germanica 'Autumn Circus': Flowers bloom early with true white standards and falls completely outlined in a peppering and veining of rich blue-violet. 34" Tall. Rebloomer.

germanica 'Batik': An award-winning variety! Vibrant purple flowers have unique white streaking on the standards and falls, with a yellow beard. Sword-shaped, broad green leaves. Blooms late spring on 26" stems.

germanica 'Beverly the Storm': One of the blackest of the tall, bearded irises. Slightly fragrant flowers with a black beard, tipped bronze, bloom late spring to early summer. 36" tall.

germanica 'City of Lights': Deep violet blue, almost purple with ruffled petals and white sprinkles, white beard, late spring and again in summer/fall. 38".

germanica 'Clarence': Pale blue standards and flaring, ruffled violet-blue falls with large white beards, reblooms, fragrant, 35". Deeper purple at the midrib provides a nice contrast between the colors. Bloom in late spring on 35" stems.

germanica 'Fall Fiesta': Unique, ruffled, amber-butterscotch falls with buttery white standards and golden beards. Pale yellow stylearms and midribs add to the appeal. Blooms late spring-early summer on 36" stems.

germanica 'Feed Back': Large blossoms with ruffled, widely flared, violet-blue petals and yellow beards on well-branched stems. 36" tall.

germanica 'Harvest of Memories': Fragrant, butter yellow flowers bloom on 30" tall stems in late spring and again in fall. Large standards and falls with prominent beards. Drought tolerant. Repeat bloomer. Evergreen foliage.

germanica 'Immortality': An award winning variety with slightly fragrant, ruffled, soft white petals and pale lemon beards. Blooms late spring on 29" stems. Very consistent rebloomer.

germanica 'Lace Artistry': Frilly, pink blossom have peach undertones and are very ruffled. The falls have lighter cream centers that highlight the apricot-colored beards nicely. Grows 37" tall. Shear artistry!

germanica 'Savannah Sunset': Intense cadmium orange petals, with tangerine beards, are sure to brighten up the late spring garden. 38" stems contain 8 – 10 buds, producing blooms for up to 3 weeks in late spring to early summer.

germanica 'Tanzanian Tangerine': Another unique selection from the same breeder who introduced the wildly attractive 'Gnus Flash'. Ruffled, peach-tan flowers have falls that look like they've been lightly air-brushed with wine red coloring in the centers and more heavily toward the edges. Orange beards add to the appeal. Grows 38" tall. Honorable Mention 1999.

In addition to the above listed varieties, our grower will be hand selecting a nice assortment of German Irises just before they bloom this spring.

Siberian Iris

These Iris, contrary to their name are not necessarily native to Siberia. They are very cold hardy, vigorous and relatively maintenance-free. Much more adaptable to soil conditions than typical German Irises.

sibirica 'Butter & Sugar': Unusual combination of yellow and white flowers in late spring, 24-30".

sibirica 'Caesar's Brother': Rich, deep blue, bearded flowers, early summer, 3'.

sibirica 'Steve': Dark lavender blue. Large standards hang open over the falls revealing contrasting sky-blue styles, 32", May-June.



Iris cristata 'Powder Blue Giant'



Iris sibirica 'Caesar's Brother'

Japanese Iris

These sturdy perennial Iris bear flat, four to eight inch blossoms. They do best in very rich, acidic soil and require moist conditions in spring and summer.

ensata Mixed colors, large open flowers, 3-4', June.

ensata 'Light at Dawn': White merged into ruffled purple edges, double flowers, 32", June-July.

This year our grower is shipping us a terrific assortment of the best looking Japanese Irises (Iris ensata) they have at the time of shipping this spring.

German Iris Cultural Information:

Iris need at least a half day of sun and good drainage. They are PH tolerant but prefer slightly acidic soil (6.8). Iris should be planted 12-24" apart. Close plantings give a more immediate effect but closely planted Iris will need to be thinned out sooner. When planting, the tops of the rhizomes should be exposed and roots spread out downwards into the soil. Firm the soil around each rhizome and then water to help settle the soil. Common mistakes are planting Iris too deeply and over watering. Newly set plants need moisture to help root systems become established however once established should only be watered in extreme or drought conditions. Fertilize with 5-10-5 in early spring and avoid high nitrogen fertilizers as they may promote rot problems. Overcrowding can negatively affect flowering and encourage disease. Old clumps should be thinned by removing the old divisions at the centers of the clumps and leaving the new growth in the ground.

Glossary of terms:

Beard- Thick bushy hairs on the upper part of each of 3 lower petals (falls).

Bicolor- Having a lighter color standard with falls of a different, deeper or contrasting color.

Bitone- Two shades of the same color. Falls are usually the darker tone.

Flare- Fall having an outward horizontal curve.

Falls- Three downward curving lower petals (sepals) of the flower.

Form- Structure or position of the petals that determines a flower's overall shape.

Haft- The upper part of the falls that connects to rest of the flower; shoulders next to beards.

Lace- Very frilled or crimped serrations on the outer edge of the petals.

Plicata- Refers to the color of the stitched margins on the rim of the petals.

Rhizome- Thick bulb-like underground stem having roots and leaves.

Ruffles- Bouncy, wavy or rolling form applied to the petals.

Self- The same uniform color in both standards and falls.

Spath- Leaf like covering over the base of the flower (ovary).

Stalk- Tall stiff stem that terminates in flowers

Standards- Three upward arching petals of the flower.

Stigma- Lip-like growth near the end of the style arms; flowers reproductive organ.

Substance- Thickness of petals; stiffness that determines durability of petals.



Iris germanica 'Batik'



Iris germanica 'Harvest of Memories'

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