

Irresistible Irises Facts & Figures

	Bearded	Louisiana	Japanese	Siberian	Dwarf Crested	Dutch	Reticulata
Bloom Time	Early April thru June, depending on cultivar. Blooms for 2 weeks	Mid May – early June	Mid May – early June	Mid May – early June	Mid-late Spring	Late Spring – Early Summer. Blooms for 2-3 weeks	Feb - April
Height	25” – 40”, depending on cultivar	24” – 30”	24” – 30”	18” – 24”	4” – 8”	12” – 24”	5” – 7”
Foliage	Fans of sword-like foliage	Sword-like	Fans of grass-like leaves	Sword shaped, grass-like	Narrow, sword-like leaves	Grass-like	Quadrangular and spikey
Light preference	Full Sun	Sun (6 hrs) to partial shade	Full sun to partial shade	Full sun to partial shade	Partial shade to shade	Full sun to partial shade	Full sun – partial shade
Wet?	No!	Moist to wet soil	Moist soil – water often	Regular, even moisture	Even moisture	No	Even moisture
Drought Tolerant	Yes	No	Not during growing season	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
pH	6.8, but tolerant	6.5 – 7.0	5.0 – 6.5	5.5 – 6.9	adaptable	6.1 – 6.5	7

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When to Plant	July-Sept (6 weeks before 1st hard frost)	Fall (4 weeks before 1st hard freeze)	Spring or Fall (4 weeks before 1st hard freeze)	Spring or Fall (4 weeks before 1st hard freeze)	Fall	Fall	Fall, dormant in summer
Planting Depth	Very Shallow – See the Knees	3/4” below soil surface and 1” – 2” of mulch	1”	1”	Barely cover rhizomes, with roots 1” below soil surface	5”	At least 2” to top of bulb
Fertilizer	March/April use 10-10-10 or 5-10-10. Again, after blooming. Fertilize around rhizomes, not on them.	Heavy feeders. 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 in the early spring, then light application just before blooming.	No fertilizer in 1st year. 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 in the spring	5-10-5 or 5-10-10 in the spring	No fertilizer in 1st year. Fertilize sparingly with 10-10-10 in early spring	5-10-10 sparingly, once or twice during bloom season	5-10-10 in the Spring when new roots are growing
When to Divide	After blooming, before winter, Very late Summer or early Fall	Mid - late August into September	Anytime spring thru Fall, as long as temps are below 90 degrees	When have a ring of growth with bare center. Early Spring (just when new growth appears) or in Fall. Keep well watered.	Early Fall, when leaves begin to yellow	When foliage dies back. Store bulbs in cool, dry place until time to replant.	When foliage dies back. Store bulbs in cool, dry place until time to replant.