

Japanese Irises



Japanese Iris Plants

- Similar foliage to Siberian irises but with wider, stronger, taller leaves, generally. Remain green & upright through the season.
- Roots like Siberian Irises.
- Clump forming plants; 1-2 feet wide.
- Height of the plant and size of the flower vary based on culture.
- 5-10" flowers.
- 26-40" bloomstalks.



Japanese Iris Culture



'Satozakura'



'Long Delay'

- Japanese Iris culture is very important! You cannot ignore their needs. They can be very unforgiving if they don't get what they want!

Japanese Iris Culture

- They love moisture, so a damp area is excellent.
- They can grow in water (in a pot) but should be put in the ground over the winter.
- Like many perennials, Japanese Iris need to be dug and divided every 3-4 years.
- They love acidic soil.
- Do not use lime or seaweed on J. Iris.



Japanese Iris Culture



- Japanese Iris can grow in a regular garden but need more attention, especially in their 2nd to 4th years.
- Add mulch and/or generous amounts of organic matter around the clumps.
- They need 1" of moisture per week, especially after they bloom. Water, especially in late summer/fall.

Japanese Iris Culture



- In Nova Scotia, dig clumps in late May/early June.
- Add compost or well rotted manure to the planting hole.

- Plant Japanese Iris divisions fairly deep – at least 4 inches.
- Roots will grow to the surface each year.
- To avoid pests & diseases, replant in a different spot.
- To avoid iris borer & other pests, remove bloomstalks when blooms are finished for the season.

Japanese Iris Culture

- **Japanese irises should not be planted in the same spot once they are divided. The roots seem to emit some growth inhibiting compound, and they do not grow well at all if they are replanted in the same spot. So, if you dig them up to divide them, plant them in another area.**
- **The exception to this, is if they are planted in a wet area.**



Japanese Irises are not salt tolerant and will not grow well at all if they are planted near highways where salt is used. Additionally, they should not be planted close to salt water where they might get flooded (e.g. shoreline).

Japanese Iris Flower Form

Single



'Lady In Waiting'

Double



'Blues Revisited'

Multi-petaled



'Muffington'



'Agrippine'



'Avalanche Express'



'Bellender Blue'



'Beyond Words'



'Blues Revisited'



Cascade Crest

'Continuing Pleasure'





'Crayola Kiss'



Crested Surf



'Crystal Halo'



'Diomedes'



'Electric Glow'



'Epimedes'



'Frosted Intrigue'



'Geisha Obi'



'Grand Island'



'Greywoods Flowing Waters'



Hank & Barb's Delight



'Jewelled Sea'



'Lace Ruff'



'Lady In Waiting'



'Lasting Pleasure'



'Light At Dawn'



'Lion King'



'Long Delay'



'Michio'



'Muffington'



'Nirihira'



'Picotee Princess'



'Pinkerton'



Purple Japanese Iris



'Spirit Lake'



'Strut And Flourish'



'Swirling Waves'



'Tropical Storm'



White Japanese Iris











