

# Bearded Iris

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Above: 'Lora Dawn' Tall Bearded Iris. Ruffled gold flowers with a lavender-white blaze and a bright yellow beard



Right: 'Everything Plus' Tall Bearded Iris. White-blue standards and falls with deep violet markers. Beard bronze and purple

Right: The form and leaves of 'Everything Plus' in bloom



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Family: Iridaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** rhizomatous perennial

**Size:** 24-48" tall and 12" wide

**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 3

**Leaves:** basal, 2-ranked, sword-shaped

**Leaf Color:** medium green to blue-green

**Fall Color:** none

**Flowers:** 3 inner petals (standards) and 3 outer petals (falls) with a beard, a wide variety of color

**Fruit:** capsule, leathery

**Light:** full sun

**Moisture:** well-drained

**Insect/Disease Issues:** iris borer, crown rot

**Nativity:** cultivated

**Location in the Gardens:** Antique Rose Garden

### Culture & Landscape Value:

Plant rhizome shallowly in well-drained soils to prevent soft rot. Thousands of cultivars exist, and are separated into different categories; miniature dwarf, standard dwarf, intermediate, miniature tall, border, and tall.

Fragrance is a common trait, sometimes described as similar to grape soda.

### Notes:

A complex hybrid of iris species—notably *Iris germanica*. Genus name, Iris, taken from the Greek goddess of the rainbow.



### Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec