

Bearded Iris Planting List

AMAS, Sir Michael Foster (England), Collected Asia Minor, 1885

Vibrant, stocky blue-violet bitone with large flowers and a golden beard. Has been considered tetraploid form of I. x germanica, but may be a form of a species as yet unnamed One of the great progenitors of modern bearded garden irises. Fragrant. 24"

AMBASSADEUR, Vilmorin-Andrieux et Cie (France), 1920

Regal late-blooming velvety claret/ecru bitone. Rich orange beard. To 40"

BALDWIN, H-P. Sass (Nebraska), 1927

Large satiny flowers, iridescent reddish violet with interesting blue tones and lemon beard. 28"

BEOTIE, Cayeux et LeClerc (France), 1932

Extraordinary satiny pewter grey with heavy blue iridescence on falls. Large, late blooming. 29"

CALIFORNIA BLUE Prof. E. O. Essig (California), 1929

Tall medium cornflower blue self. Golden beard. A seedling of 'Conquistador.' 40"

COL. CANDELOT, Millet et Fils (France), 1907

Small flowers, rich deep red falls, bronzy rose standards, conspicuous white haft markings. 24"

CONQUISTADOR, William Mohr (California), 1923

Very tall, fragrant, clear blue, lighter than 'California Blue.' Compact foliage, gold beard. 46"

CORONATION, Irving Moore (Illinois), 1927

Deep yellow self with occasional red flecks. Sturdy, dependable, honey locust fragrance. 22"

CYANEA, Goos & Koenemann (Germany), 1899

Very early, floriferous, dark purple hybrid dwarf iris with a yellow beard. Fertile. 6"

DOLLY MADISON, E. B. Williamson (Indiana), 1927

Large, luminous golden tan and lavender with golden beard. A larger 'Quaker Lady.' 35"

DR. BERNICE, Listed by Hooper of Covent Garden, London, in 1867

Standards ochre flushed rose, falls velvety wine, veined white, orange beard. Origins obscure. In Barr collection, UK, in 1874. Sold by Biltmore Nurseries of North Carolina, USA, in 1912.

ELSINORE, C. H. Hall (Pennsylvania), 1925

Unusual, and beautiful. Primrose yellow, with the tips of the standards infused warm rose. The name refers to the island setting of Shakespeare's play, Hamlet. 30"

EVOLUTION, Cayeux et LeClerc (France), 1929

Coppery bronze, iridescent lilac area on falls, Golden beard. Foliage deep purple at base. 32"

FARANDOLE, Cayeux et LeClerc (France), 1928

Elegant large rounded blooms, smoky parchment standards over muted antique rose falls. 30"

FLAVESCENS, Published by DeCandolle; painted by Redoute. Before 1813

Pale yellow, falls lighter, olive veining at haft. Fragrant. Listed in 1854 by nurseryman William Prince, of New York. A cemetery or roadside iris in many parts of the USA. Probably much older than 1813. 27"

HONORABLE, Jean-Nicolas Lémon (France), 1840

Small, perky, variable, flowers, yellow standards and falls streaked reddish brown. Sold by Watson in the USA in 1854. A classic, found in cemeteries and old gardens, particularly in the northeast. Pronounced "On-or-rah-beh-lay." 23"

INDIAN CHIEF, Dr. Wylie Ayers (Ohio), 1929

Tall, often encountered, classic red bitone, Dark wine falls, standards much lighter. 31"

IRIS ALBICANS, Johan M.C. Lange (Denmark), Collected Arabia, named in 1860

Early blooming pure white hybrid species endemic to the Mediterranean. Cemetery iris in areas of the Mideast, and some parts of the southern and western USA settled by Spain. In cultivation much earlier than 1860 as the original "Iris florentina." 20"

IRIS GERMANICA, Carl Linnaeus (Denmark), Mediterranean Europe, Ancient

A variable natural hybrid endemic to southern Europe, with distribution further east. Named as a species by Linnaeus. An ancient cultivated plant. CHP grows the variety W. R. Dykes called 'vulgaris,' an early purple bitone, and common garden and cemetery plant in the USA. Listed by William Prince in 1823.

IRIS GERMANICA var. florentina, Carl Linnaeus (Denmark), Mediterranean Europe

The pale blue white form of a short, wiry, purple variety of I. germanica L. One of several irises traditionally used for the manufacture of orris root. A traditional garden flower in the USA.

IRIS PALLIDA, Named by Lamarck, in 1789, but older.

Collected SE Europe A very old, very familiar garden plant with many names. Elegant, fragrant, hardy. Typically, small lilac flowers on tall stalks, but variable.. Superb blue green foliage. Cultivated before 1600. An orris iris. 32"

KOCHII, Collected in Italy by Anton Josef Kerner (Austria), 1867.

Smoothly textured rich purple self with orange beard. Possible a wildling native to southern Europe. 14"

LORD OF JUNE, George Yeld, V.M.H. (England), 1911

Large, early blooming, tall light blue bitone. Cinnamon fragrance. Seedling of 'Amas.' 30"

MADISON COOPER, Willis E. Fryer (Minnesota), 1919

Mustard standards, deep red falls. Vibrant flowers on tall stalks. Named for the publisher of The Flower Grower, a progressive American gardening magazine published in Calicum, NY.

MA MIE, Cayeux et LeClerc (France), 1906, "My Darling."

White stitched medium blue violet. Excellent compact plant. Good fragrance. 27"

MME. CHÉREAU, Jean-Nicolas Lémon (France), 1844

Elegant white, precisely stitched blue. Smaller flowers on tall straight stalks. A refined and beloved heirloom classic, sometimes called the "buttonhole iris." Listed by Hovey, USA, in 1860. 30"

MME. LOUESSE, Eugene Verdier (France), 1860 Listed by Verdier, but may be a Lémon origination.

Small, white, dotted and stitched warm wine red.

MIDWEST H-P. Sass (Nebraska), 1923

Colorful, floriferous, shorter iris. White ground merrily dotted fuchsia, with blue tints. 24"

MILDRED PRESBY, Bertrand Farr (Pennsylvania), 1923

Pale creamy white standards over rich, velvety, damson purple falls. Golden touches warm the heart of the flower. From American's first notable Iris hybridizer. 24"

MISS ARAVILLA, H-P. Sass (Nebraska), 1938

Vibrant red falls surmounted by rich coppery standards, infused red. Color carries well. 30"

MONSIGNOR, Vilmorin-Andrieux et Cie (France), 1907

Grape purple, with distinctive large velvety claret area on falls. Conspicuous orange beard. 27"

MOONLIGHT, William Rickatson Dykes (England), 1923

Luminous warm, but grayed, white with tan haze on falls and gold beard. From the author of the seminal botanical study, The Genus Iris, 1913. Classic favored by VA garden clubs. Fragrant. 27"

MOTHER OF PEARL, Miss Grace Sturtevant (Massachusetts), 1917

A tall near white self with palest hints of blue and rose. From the first important female hybridizer of garden irises, known for her scientific approach, and refined color effects. 34"

MRS. ANDRIST, Willis E. Fryer (Minnesota), 1919

Clear white standards, lemon beard, falls white overlaid grape purple, fading to white at edge.

MRS. MARION CRAN, Amos Perry, V.M.H. (England), 1923

Soft bright rose, standards lighter, tall and sturdy. Mrs. Cran was a UK garden writer. 35"

PERFECTION, Peter Barr (England), 1880

Rich blue-violet bitone, darker velvety falls, standards sometimes flecked. Yellow beard. 24"

PLUMERI, Origins unknown. Documented in the UK in 1888, but possibly older.

Brilliant coppery magenta with showy old gold beard. Small, rounded, fragrant, flowers.

RAMESES H-P. Sass (Nebraska), 1929

Large, stately. Old rose falls below buff standards, gold beard. American Dykes Medal, 1932.

SEMINOLE, Bertrand Farr (Pennsylvania), 1920

Shorter brilliant deep magenta self with unusually vibrant orange beards. 23"

SHAH JEHAN, W. W. Neel (BC, Canada), 1932

Named for the builder of the Taj Mahal. Highly distinctive and reliable. Champagne standards infused gold, rich rosy plum falls enlivened with rusty hafts and narrow lilac white rim. 30"

SOUV. DE MME.GAUDICHAU, Millet et Fils (France), 1914

Rich medium blue violet, near self. White half marks surround bright blue beard tipped bronze. A widely admired seedling of 'Amas.' Souv. means "souvenir," or remembrance.

SUSA H-P. Sass (Nebraska), 1934

A hybrid of a dwarf iris, and 'Amas'. Rich purple, short, large blooms, blue beards. 17"

SUSAN BLISS, Arthur John Bliss (England), 1922

Tall, bright, uniform lilac pink. Haft marks light purple. Brilliant light orange beard. 32"

SWERTI, Pictured in Emanuel Sweert's Florilegium, 1612

"Sweet's Iris." White stitched blue. Tall, smaller flowers with falls distinctively pinched. Listed in the catalog of William Prince of New York in 1823.

TAMERLAN, Vilmorin-Andrieux et Cie (France), 1904

Dark blue violet bitone. The first tetraploid bearded iris known to have resulted from planned hybridization. 25"

TRUE DELIGHT, Miss Grace Sturtevant (Massachusetts), 1924

Pure white standards, and falls stitched rose pink. Vigorous, tall, pretty, and fragrant. 33"

VINGOLF, Goos & Koenemann (Germany), 1924

Rich sober color. Ecu standards, grey-purple falls, ringed ecru. Yellow beard. Floriferous. 21"

YVES LASSAILLY, Cayeux et LeClerc (France), 1928

Satin white with golden shoulders elegantly marked darker, iridescent sky blue overlay on falls. 27"

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