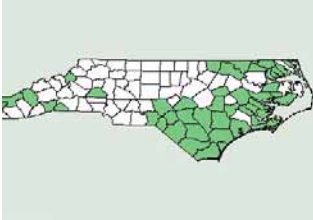


BLUE FLAG IRIS

Iris virginica

Aka Southern Blue Flag Iris



Description: Perennial from bulbs, corms, rhizomes, or fibrous roots. A clump forming plant having flattened leaves that are narrow and sword like. They arise similar to a fan-like from a single base. Can form a mat in established areas. Flower is violet-blue with yellow and white crest. Blooms in May-August with green foliage.

Natural Habitat: Marshes, ditches wetlands, pond/stream edges and swamps of the Southeast.

Conservation Status: Endangered in Pennsylvania and New York.

Size: Flowers are 3-4" tall, spread 18-24"

Growth Rate: Moderate

Light: Full sun to light sun

Planting and Care: Wet to damp soil.

Ornamental Value: Violet flowers throughout the summer. Nice cut flowers arrangements.

Landscape Usage: At waters edge of ponds, in naturalized water areas. Excellent in swales and swampy ground.

Wildlife Benefits: Attracts butterflies.