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Iris imbricata

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Ornamental Features

Imbricate Iris has masses of beautiful lilac purple flag-like flowers with burgundy throats and white veins at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its sword-like leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.



Imbricate Iris flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Imbricate Iris is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Imbricate Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Imbricate Iris will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.