## **Stonegate Gardens**

## **Reginae Variegated Iris**

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# Reginae Variegated Iris Iris variegata 'var. reginae'

Plant Height: 6 inches
Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches
Spacing: 7 inches
Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Heritage Iris

### **Description:**

Striking lavender to white flowers marked with dark-purple veins; blooms emerge from lush, sword-like foliage; hardy and easy to grow; cut back in the fall to reduce pests



Reginae Variegated Iris flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Reginae Variegated Iris features unusual white flag-like flowers with deep purple veins at the ends of the stems in late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Reginae Variegated 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Reginae Variegated Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Reginae Variegated Iris will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 7 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.