

Louisiana Iris

Iris fulva 'Louisiana Hybrids'

Louisiana iris hybrids (also *Iris breuicaulis*, *Iris giganteaerulea*) have dark green, sword-like leaves and bear 3 to 4 inch long flowers of white, cream, yellow, bronze, pink, red, blue, purple, or near black. These spring flowers are often cut for flower arrangements. These hybrids are clumping, spreading, or upright perennials that can be used as background or specimen plants. They are also useful in a mass planting. Louisiana iris hybrids are tolerant of drought but will also endure wet soils. These plants are frozen down to the ground in freezing temperatures but will regenerate from the roots with the onset of warm weather. **Iris is known to be toxic to pets, with the bulb being the most toxic part.**

Type: perennial herbaceous ground cover

USDA hardiness zones: 6 through 10

Uses: border; mass planting; ground cover; edging

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 2 to 3 feet

Light requirement: part shade to part sun

Soil tolerances: acidic; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests

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