Louisiana Iris

*Iris fulva* 'Louisiana Hybrids'

Louisiana iris hybrids (also *Iris breuicaulis*, *Iris giganticaerulea*) 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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