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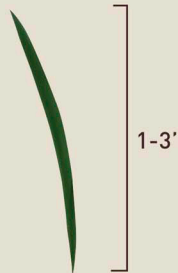
Bud



Flower



Height range 1-3'



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# Louisiana Iris

*Iris spp.*

## The Iris Family (Iridaceae)

**Basic Description:** Wetland plant with bright green linear leaves forming a fan from base, an underground stem (rhizome). Large, colorful flowers bloom along stalk formed at growth tip of rhizome.

**Interesting Facts:** A unique group of native iris that interbreed only with each other, creating hybrids which occur naturally or man-made in many colors - blue, purple, red, yellow, pink, gold, brown, lavender and white. Louisiana State wildflower. Dormant in summer with growth cycle commencing in fall.

**Flower:** Arising from a stalk with several sheath leaves, the blooms consisting of six floral segments in two sets are on average 3-6" in size having 4 to 8 blooms per stalk which open at different times from February to May.

**Fruit:** 2-6" elongated, three chambered pod containing many corklike seeds.

**Wildlife Value:** Hummingbirds, butterflies and insects attracted to nectar-rich flowers.

**Habitat:** Swampy, boggy areas.

### LEAF TYPE

N/A

### POLLINATOR

INSECTS & BIRDS

### WILDLIFE VALUE

LOW

