

ORDERING INFORMATION

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Credit Cards

If paying by Credit Card fill out your details onto the designated area on our order form. We accept Visa, Mastercard and AMEX.

Direct Deposit

If you are wanting to pay via this method we will send through our bank details when we receive your order.

Payment can also be made by Cheque or Money Order (made out to Melissa Schiller).

Delivery Times

Optimum time is between early December and late March. We will start to dig orders at the beginning of December. Indicate on order form when you would like your plants. Keep in mind that we will not accept orders after March 31st. We usually start our replanting at this time and hence the plants will not be up to our standards for sending.

Gift Vouchers

For that hard to buy for friend or relative. Gift vouchers are available starting at \$30.00.

Open Days

Open days for Spring 2018 are every Wednesday through Sunday of October (10am-4pm). Depending on bloom we may also open the garden at the end of September and the start of November. Any updates will be posted on our Facebook page. If you don't have access to Facebook feel free to give us a call to find out.

Iris Terminology

Standards - 3 upper petals

Falls - 3 lower petals

Beards - fuzzy protrusions in the upper centre of each fall

Hafts - the area each side of the beard

Style Arms - small, stiff segments above the beards

Plicata - stippled, stitched or dotted pattern on a different ground colour

Luminata - heart of flower is free of anthocyanin pigment.

Usually has lighter edges and a pale wash over the falls

Bicolour - standards and falls are 2 different colours

Bitone - standards and falls are shades of the same colour

Self - standards and falls are the same colour, beards can be a different colour

Variegata - a bicolour with yellow/gold standards and red/brown/burgundy falls

Neglecta - a bitone but in shades of blue or purple

Amoena - white standards, any coloured falls

Reverse Amoena - white falls, any coloured standards

Blend - a blend of two or more colours

Terms

Payment can be made anytime once your order is placed. Please keep in mind that your order will not be sent until payment is made. As some varieties will sell out quickly we recommend to make payment as soon as possible to secure the plants you want.

Guarantee

All plants are freshly dug and true to name. If there are any problems, notify us within 10 days and we will replace any plants you are not happy with. We will not take responsibility for plants lost due to negligence.

Substitutions and Refunds

Substitutions are not usually necessary but if they are we will not substitute without your permission (indicate on order form) and will be of equal or greater value. If ordering late in the season it is recommended to include a list of substitutes. If you are not wanting to substitute and you have already paid then we will refund your money.

Postage Rates

Postage and handling per order or parcel

SA - \$10.00 Vic, NSW, QLD, ACT - \$14.00

For larger orders the postage rate will change. We will notify you if postage will be more than stated here. Express post can be requested at an extra cost.

Postage Offer

If you add \$20.00 to your order instead of the postage rate for your state we will include an Iris to the value of at least \$30.00 (our choice) to your parcel.

Gift Plants

Gift plant(s) will be sent with each order over \$100.00 (excludes sale orders) and will be of our choosing but suggestions are welcome.



SDB

8-16" tall
Pages 34-35



IB

16-27.5" tall
Pages 31-33



Aril - AB

3-28" tall
Page 30



BB

16-27.5" tall
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Bearded Iris Classes



TB

over 27.5" tall
Pages 2-28 & 36-43

Cultivation Basics

Bearded Iris are one of the easiest perennials to grow.

Requiring little to no care after they have been established; they will reward you year after year with beautiful blooms.

When to Plant

For best results and to ensure that they bloom the first year, it is best to plant your Iris immediately after bloom in late November or early December. This gives them the maximum amount of time to root in and grow before they are ready to bloom.

Where to Plant

Bearded Iris must be planted in preferable full sun but afternoon sun should be sufficient. If planted in shade they will not bloom. Depending on what effect is desired, Iris should be planted at least 30cm apart. Planting them closer together will form a beautiful display first year but will need to be thinned sooner than if they were planted further apart.

Soil Preparation

Bearded Iris thrive in most well-drained garden soils. To ensure good drainage, plant on a slope or in raised beds. If your soil is heavy, gypsum can be added to improve drainage. The ideal pH for Iris is slightly acidic (6.8) but this is not a requirement. Iris will thrive in pH ranging from 5.5 to 8.5.

Depth to Plant

A common misconception in Australia is that Iris need to be planted so that the top of the rhizome is above the ground and exposed to the sun. Do not do this, Australian summers are far too hot for the Iris to handle and they will get sun-burnt. Plant below the soil surface with about 1-2cm of soil covering the top of the rhizome.

Watering

Newly planted Iris will need to be watered once a day until the middle leaf in the fan starts to push up; this usually takes about two weeks. After this stage they can be watered once a week. Depending on where you live and what rainfall you get you can usually stop watering by Autumn. Here, we don't do any watering after April unless we need to.

Fertilizing

After replanting, fertilize with a 3 or 9 month slow release fertilizer. A good dose of liquid fertilizer about a month before flowering will help with quality and quantity of bloom. Fertilizing after bloom can also be beneficial to help the plants regain some nutrients.

Thinning/Transplanting

Bearded Iris can be divided and transplanted at any time during the year in Australia. However, the later they are planted the more likely they will not bloom that following Spring. Iris need to be thinned at least every 3 or 4 years otherwise they will become overcrowded. If you are unable to dig up the whole clump, a cheats way is to dig out the old rhizomes and leave the new growth in the ground without disturbing the root systems.

General Care

Keep your Iris beds free of weeds and debris. Bloom stems should be cut close to the ground shortly after blooming. Healthy leaves should be left undisturbed, but diseased or brown leaves should be removed.

Arilbred/Arilmed Iris

Aril iris require a bit different care to regular Bearded Iris. For the most part it is the same, they still require full sun and good drainage. But, they do not need as much water over Summer as Bearded Iris do. Aril Iris will go dormant from November until March and will re-awaken with the early Autumn rain. There is no need to be concerned if your Aril Iris lose all there foliage over summer because it will return in Autumn.

Hybridizing Basics

Iris are one of the easiest plants to Hybridize. Simply pull off the stamens that you would like to use for pollen and brush them against the stimagtic lip which is located underneath the style crests. Use a swing tag to label the cross you have made so you can keep track of what parents you used. Once the pod has formed wait for it to turn brown and start to crack at the top. Break the pod open and store the seed in a cool dry place. Plant the seed out into pots late Autumn to early Winter and ensure the soil does not dry out. The seed will start to germinate after 6-8 weeks. Plant the seedlings out into the garden in late Novemeber and wait for them to bloom the following spring!

F.A.Q.

Why won't my Bearded Iris flower? There are a number of factors that can cause your Iris to stop blooming. Planting in too much shade, Iris should have at least half a days sun. Overfeeding with animal manure or blood and bone, also the opposite, not feeding them at all. Planting too deep, Iris should not be planted more than 2-3cm below the soils surface. Planting too high, the rhizomes have been exposed to too much sun. Mulching of any kind. This acts as shade and also keeps the moisture around the rhizomes which can cause them to rot. Over/under watering. And if they are overcrowded, Iris need to be thinned/transplanted every 3 years otherwise the clump gets too overgrown and the plants can't access nutrients and water readily.

Why have my Iris changed colour or have gone all

purple/white? There is no possible way that an Iris can change colour unless it has sported (a mutation that rarely ever happens). Usually what happens is that two varieties are being grown to close together and they have grown into one-another. This causes the more prolific and dominant variety to suffocate the other variety which stops it from blooming. Using weedkillers like Roundup can cause flowers to turn white but it also changes the flower shape itself, you can usually tell when weedkiller is the culprit.

How long can Iris stay out of the ground? Ideally they should be planted immediately after lifting. However, if this isn't possible they can be left in a cool dry place for months. Ensure that they are kept DRY though otherwise they will rot.

PLEASE WRITE SUBSTITUES, GIFT SUGGESTIONS AND ANY OTHER NOTES REGARDING YOUR ORDER HERE.

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