

# Blue Flag Iris: *Iris versicolor*



**Cultivation:** The preference is full sun to part sun. It is commonly found growing on lake shores, swamps, and wet meadows occasionally in shallow water. Utilized for its brightly colored floral display. The root mass of established colonies provides good shoreline protection. The root stock is fed upon by aquatic rodents. A waterside and shallow water plant; the only iris native to the North Country and prefers rich, well-drained, loamy, peaty soils. Benefits from the addition of lime and rich, organic materials. Best used in flower and water gardens, edges of ponds, and areas in which it may naturalize.

**Plant Structure:** This is a native perennial plant with bluish violet flowers from May to July. The Blue Flag Iris height is 2-3' and width is 2-3'. Grows best when the rhizome is just covered with water.