



Respectable Iris

Iris 'Respectable'

Height: 26 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Louisiana Iris

Group/Class: Louisiana Iris

Description:

This bog variety does well in wet environments, but also thrives elsewhere with adequate watering; intriguing deep purple blooms with violet-pink centers radiating bright yellow flares; great for a pondside garden

Ornamental Features

Respectable Iris features showy deep purple flag-like flowers with violet overtones and a yellow flare at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Respectable Iris is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Respectable Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens



Respectable Iris flowers
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Respectable Iris will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, preferring to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.