



Plum Scented Iris

Iris graminea

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Plum Tart Iris

Ornamental Features

Plum Scented Iris features dainty fragrant purple flag-like flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Plum Scented Iris flowers
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Plum Scented 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

Plum Scented Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Plum Scented Iris will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.