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"Where the Iris Grows in All the Tints of Dawn"

GROWER AND IMPORTER OF

# RARE IRISES

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# Irises

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#### MAKE YOUR SPRING GARDEN A RAINBOW OF COLOR

Greek mythology tells us that Iris was a virgin, the personification of the rainbow and messenger of the gods to men.

No greater appreciation of the flower can be given today than that which the ancient Greeks gave when they bestowed this name. The colors of the iris are iridescent, liquid; all efforts to describe their beauty seem futile. One might as well try to describe the silken sheen of the poppy.

Although the iris has been named for a virgin, its regal beauty suggests rather a royal leader, a king or emperor, garbed in robes of satin and velvet with lacings of gold. There is something bold and vigorous about the iris and while one may find varieties blooming in the summer, autumn or winter, it generally flowers at a time when it can be most

appreciated, in the months of March, April, May and June—a veritable "Lord of the Spring."

The new irises are the result of careful selection and breeding by the world's best hybridists. An iris usually blooms the second year from seed and out of hundreds of seedlings no two will be precisely alike. The stock of a new iris may be limited to one bulb, and the increase is naturally slow from the propagator's point of view. This accounts for the high price of new introductions. As the stock increases the price falls. Some of our finest irises are reasonable in price because they are older introductions.

I can say quite honestly, however, that I feel that all the higher priced novelties listed in my catalog are well worth the price.

ELIZABETH HARDEE,

Member American Iris Society.

## Terms



#### PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES

My terms are cash with order. Money will be refunded for any variety which I cannot furnish. No substitutions will be made without consent of the buyer. While I have a large stock of most of the standard varieties my supply of the latest importations is necessarily limited.

A dozen of any one variety of iris, listed at \$1 or less, will be sold at the rate for ten. For varieties listed at more than \$1 each the prices are net.

I use great care in keeping my stock true to name, but should any prove untrue I will, on proper proof, replace it.

Delivery free, in California only, if by parcel post. On orders of less than \$1.00 add 25c for postage.

The name of the originator is, where known, given in parentheses.

The figures preceding the names of the varieties are the ratings given in the recent symposium of the American Iris Society.

The American Iris Society has checked on many of the Bearded Iris and this checking has been indicated by numbers—100 being a perfect iris, 90 and over very fine, 85 fine, 80 very good, 70 good.

While everyone may not agree with these decisions, and they are not final, yet in general they are a good guide to follow.

S signifies "Standards" or upright petals; F the "Falls" or drooping petals.

Please note the high ratings of irises in this catalog.

Note—These prices supersede previous lists or quotations.

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME

## Cultural Directions

Irises are all sun-lovers and should never be planted in dense shade. Some varieties keep their color best in partial shade but all must have sun at least part of the day.

Always select a well drained soil, preferably heavy. Work it well and top dress with wood ashes, lime or bone meal. Never use fresh manure.

The bearded irises can stand a long period of drought, but appreciate plenty of water as they approach the blooming season. Occasional deep watering during the summer is helpful in keeping the bulb in good condition and the foliage green.

Never allow irises to stand in water. Root rot is usually due to a cold, soggy soil or a soil in which there is decayed vegetable matter. If new soil is used for an iris planting be sure that the sod or weeds are thoroughly disintegrated.

Plant about a foot to eighteen inches apart and transplant when crowded. Some varieties give best results when they have formed a clump. Isolene is one of these. Others bloom well from a single rhizome. In replanting use the young, vigorous offshoots, discarding the old root. Barely cover the rhizomes or fleshy roots and be sure that no manure comes in contact with them. Always water a new planting until

root growth is established, but exercise care at this time not to overdo the watering and cause the roots to rot. Do not plant irises between heavy shrubbery; always permit them to have air and sunshine.

Where irises occupy a prominent place that is likely to look bare during the summer plant perennial Phlox between the bulbs. These will give a mass of bloom during the season when the iris is dormant and will not crowd the bulbs. A background of Delphinium will add to this charming effect. A planting of Zinnias will not injure the iris but will give color during the summer. In planting between irises use care not to overcrowd or shade them too much.

For landscaping and open sunbaked vistas nothing is so satisfactory as a planting of the light blue Pallidas. The effect at a distance is that of a shimmering sheet of water. When the flowers have gone the foliage will hold its own under the most trying conditions.

No flower is more satisfying than the iris for home decoration. If cut in the bud when about to open the flowers will expand in the house in their full richness of color and last a long time. Every bud will blossom, replacing with a fresh flower those which fade.

# Standard Varieties

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American Iris Society Rating	Price	American Iris Society Rating	Price
79 ALBERT VICTOR (Barr). Perhaps no iris is more satisfactory than this beautiful Pallida. Large flowers of wonderful sheen borne upon 40-inch stems. Fragrant. S and F a rich lavender blue	.25	<ul> <li>75 CAPRICE (Vilmorin 1904). Rosy red purple flowers of broad segments and fine form. A thrifty grower and dependable bloomer. Two feet</li> <li>89 CATERINA (Foster). A light violet self, fragrant,</li> </ul>	
89 ALCAZAR (Vilmorin). Enormous flowers of great substance; tall and vigorous, a giant in flower and growth. S light bluish violet with bronze reflections. F red violet with glowing bronze-veined throat	.50	lovely; stem 2-4 feet  CLARISSIMA. S soft pink lavender. F violet purple netted on snow white, giving a peculiar tigered effect; falls held horizontally. Charming in mass	.25
78 AMAS. A large flowered species from Asia Minor. Broad standards of iridescent blue; falls smooth violet. Branched stems thirty inches high. Early.	.35	80 COL. CANDELOT (Millet). Light rosy bronze standards, with rich velvety-maroon falls. Orange beard	
83 ARCHEVEQUE. S light hortense violet; F velvety raisin purple. A flower of rich coloring	.25	DALMARIUS (Goos & Koenemann). S satiny grey. F velvety soft purple lilac. Attractive	
61 BERCHTA (Goos & Koenemann). S straw yellow. F soft shade of carmine violet with border of dull yellow. All divisions broad and full. Medium height	.25	78 DAWN (Yeld). 33 in. Early. Very pale yellow; almost white—reticulated brown at base. Bright yellow beard	.35
71 BLUE JAY (Farr). A rich bluet blue. Late and distinct		DOROTHEA. S white. F white shaded blue, very early and dainty	.25
Park and bearing the second se		constant as and mide raiss of deep while red	.75

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Rating 80 FAIRY (Kennicott). Delicately beautiful. S incurving, F recurving, producing a globular form. S white with soft blue at base. F creamy white.  Translucent. 30 inches	80 JACQUESIANA (Lemon), 30 in. Mid-season, Rich coloring and exceedingly beautiful flower. S coppery rose, deepening to a bronze throat. F rich	
70 FLAVESCENS (De Candolle). A very useful pale sulphur yellow	25 white. Flowers of good substance on well branched	-0
<b>FREDERICK.</b> S pale lavender blue. F lavender blue, veined brown at throat. Heavy bloomer, one of the best for massing; large flowers; medium	78 KOCHII. Rich claret purple of silky texture; free bloomer. Early	50 25
tall	for a town in Mesopotamia. The large violet	
growth; fragrant flower, clear light blue; excellent for cutting		25
73 HER MAJESTY (Perry). Pale rose with deeper colored veins on falls. 20 inches	violet. F velvety mulberry purple. Large flowers	
HIAWATHA (Farr). S pale rosy lavender. F royal purple, bordered lavender. 28 inches	the American seedlings, 3 feet	50
78 IRIS KING (Goos & Koenemann). Late. A combination of old gold and maroon that makes this	great charm. 40 inches	25
iris very showy. It is one of the richest in coloring among the moderately priced irises	wide standards and falls	35
86 <b>ISOLENE</b> (Vilmorin). S pale lilac, flushed yellow. F old rose with shadings of Chinese violet. Large pinkish buff flower of delicate texture and unusual beauty; one of the finest. 3 feet	shading into pink. Flowers of good texture in- clined to be frilled. 33 inches	35
JEANNE D'ARC (Verdier). A delicately frilled white, with tinting of lavender blue; very lovely. 2½ feet	l yellow, often splashed with the raisin purple of the falls. F raisin purple, bordered cream. Very	35

Rating  81 MA MIE (Cayeux 1906). Standards and falls clear white frilled violet blue. Of better form than Mme. Chereau. Three feet	.50	74 NAVAHO (Farr). 20 in. Mid-season. S beautiful old gold with slight lavender tints. F dark crimson-maroon stripes over a white and yellow ground. Rich golden beard. A free bloomer. Very	Price
yellow flushed pale lavender, minutely dotted brown at haft. F cream ground, minutely dotted and striped with lavender violet and maroon. Unique		beautiful and much admired	.35
MAUVINE (Dean). A pink mauve of uniform shade, tall and very effective in the garden; useful for cutting	.35	NIRVANA (Sturtevant). S smooth vinaceous buff underlaid with lavender; F lobelia violet deepen- ing to a band of vinaceous purple at the beard; smooth tones; growth strong but graceful	.50
81 MESOPOTAMICA. A wild species, very tall and early. Useful in hybridizing. Blended shades of blue and light violet. Silky ruffled flower; branching flexile stem	.50	75 NOTHUNG (Goos & Koenemann). A pale yellow flower suffused with delicate blue; tall, exquisite, charming in mass	.35
76 MISS WILLMOTT (Foster). It is a fine white, sometimes pure, sometimes variably washed with lavender. Branching spikes carrying four flowers. 3-3½ feet		OTHELLO. Delicately graceful flower of deep violet tones. Velvety. All divisions long and narrow. Effective near water	.25
75 MITHRAS (Goos & Koenemann). 24 in. Mid-season. S bright clear canary yellow. F rich winered with a narrow golden border. Throat beau-		netted and the falls fringed with Chinese violet. 30 inches	.50
tifully marked wine-red over a white ground. Bright orange beard		bloomer, S light lavender violet, F flaring, Velvety deep violet purple. Bright orange beard  95 PRINCESS BEATRICE, 48 in, Mid-season, Rated	.35
wide border of clear blue. An old favorite. 30 in. 82 MT. PENN (Farr). Standards and falls deep reddish pink. Distinct orange beard. Pallida habit		as the second best iris by the Amer. Iris Society. Stock limited, as the genuine stock is scarce. Delicate blue of silky texture	.50

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77 PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE (Goos & Koenemann). S pinard yellow. F roods violet with yellow border. Vigorous and showy. 30 inches.		SARABANDE (Sturt.). A most pleasing fawn and violet bi-color	
83 PROSPER LAUGIER (Verdier). 32 in. Mid- season. S iridescent bronze. F velvety ruby- purple. Orange beard. Very rich flower. One of		SHERBERT (Sturt. 1918). S ecru-drab, deepening through cinnamon to purplish vinaceous; F dahlia purple, lighter at edges. Very effective. Stalks well branched. 4 feet	.50
the best of the bronze irises		76 SHERWIN WRIGHT (Koh. 1915). A bright golden	25
86 QUEEN OF MAY (Salter). Soft rose pink of Pallida habit, 30 inches		yellow self. Vigorous, 24 in	.25
84 RHEIN NIXIE (Goos & Koenemann). 36 in. Mid-		flower is not large but the contrast in coloring makes a very effective garden clump	.35
season. S pure snow white. F red-purple with white border. Strikingly beautiful		TOREADOR. S brilliant orange, shot with bronze; F rich, glowing red	.50
RHODA. Large flower of moderate height. Lovely soft shell pink. Stock limited		81 <b>TROJANA.</b> 36 in. A giant flower. Very beautiful. Pale blue standards with rich purple falls and	
76 RINGDOVE (Foster). S and F a soft mauve		orange beard. The true variety	.25
lavender; height 4 feet; most desirable as a cut- flower		WINDHAM (Farr). Rose pink, veined darker rose; foliage rather small and delicate; flower large.	
69 ROSE UNIQUE (Farr 1910). An early deep pink	.35	About 20 inches. Fine for borders	.35
SEEDLING NO. 2. This seedling has attracted a great deal of attention in my garden, and I am offering it for sale this season for the first time. The flowers are of medium size with flaring falls borne on 40-inch stems and are of an intense lupine blue that does not fade in the sun			
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In planting the bearded iris remember that the upper surface of the rhizome must be exposed to the sun and air. Deep planting will keep the iris from blooming satisfactorily. Bone meal is a safe fertilizer and dehydrated lime will keep the soil sweet and the foliage clean.

# Irises of Later Introduction



#### THE PRICES QUOTED BELOW ARE NET AND FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES

American Iris Society Rating Price  86 AFTERGLOW (Sturtevant). 36 in. Mid-season. Soft grayish lavender, shaded with yellow at the center .75  AMBIGU. Clear reddish purple, quite distinct and charming 1.00  94 AMBASSADOR (Vilmorin). 42 in. Third highest rating by the Am. Iris Society. A monster flower of striking richness and beauty. S glistening smoky-lavender with an amber cast. Flower of	American Iris Society Rating  Price  87 CRUSADER (Foster). 42 in. Mid-season. A mammoth flower and very beautiful. S uniform light blue. F deeper bluish-violet, with a white throat that is lined with brown. Orange beard. One of the most striking of all
fine form and texture. F rich brown maroon. Bright orange beard	Excellent 1.00  85 DREAM (Sturtevant). A very lovely tall pink Pallida. Of good form and texture. 1.00  GEORGIA (Farr). A good deep pink; prolific. Splendid garden variety, early. Inclined to bloom in the Fall as well as Spring. 1.00
94 BALLERINE (Vilmorin). 48 in. Early. Large, very fragrant violet blue flowers. Given the second highest rating by the A. I. S. One of the very finest Pallidas	84 J. B. DUMAS. A fine rose pink. 2.00  78 KNYSNA (Bliss). 33 in. S deep old gold. F velvety crimson-maroon, very distinct. Golden beard50  91 MAGNIFICA (Vilmorin). Huge flowers, very showy. S light pink violet, F red violet. A handsome novelty

Rating 85 MEDRANO. Rich shade of bronzy claret. Fin flower of unusual coloring on rather dwarfed stems 84 MERLIN (Sturtevant). 30 in. A large lavender violet flower, with buff styles	1 . 1.00 1.00 l	Rating  82 ROSEWAY (Bliss). 36 in. Early. Bright red Pallida with orange beard	0
86 MME. DURRAND (Denis). 42 in. Large flowers of an unusual shade of tawny buff and creamy yellow, overlaid with mauve	3.50 - 3.50	throat. Bright lemon beard. The first yellow of Pallida growth	
derful flowers freely  87 OPERA (Vilmorin). 28 in. Early. One of the richest colored irises in existence. Standards o rich violet-rose with falls of rich velvety violet purple. Orange beard  PROSPERO (Hort). Large flowers on branching stems. S pale lavender. F deep violet purple with a lighter margin. 4 feet.  REGAN (Hort). A new bi-color. Large flower or deep violet coloring	1.00 g	A beautiful novelty	0

# Rare Varieties

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#### STOCK LIMITED—PRICES QUOTED BELOW ARE NET AND FOR SINGLE RHIZOMES

American Iris Society Rating  APHRODITE (Dykes). S and F bright violet-pink.  The falls have a white flush from the center of the blade to the haft. This variety is recognized as the world's best pink iris. The general effect is a decided pink tone. Its good size and perfect form, with its prolific blooming habit, increase its popularity	American Iris Society Rating  Price  DOMINION (Bliss). S of Dauphin's blue or light bluish-violet, large, erectly held, well developed, and richly veined; F of exceptional substance, expanding at the base to a deep rich indigo-purple velvet. There is a little veining in the throat, violet-purple on white ground. Beard orange, very pronounced. Quality of entire bloom is the very best. The plant, however, needs extra care,
AURELLE (Denis). S light purplish blue; F rich glowing crimson-purple with a golden beard. Its habit and shape of flowers are very much like Mme. Gaudichau, from which it is a seedling, but it far surpasses its parent by virtue of the beautiful luminous effect of its fine falls. One of the new varieties, still very scarce	perfect drainage and probably some protection from Winter and Spring rains. Stock limited15.00  IMPERATOR (Cayeux). S clear violet tinted buff; F reddish violet, throat reticulated with red-brown. This is one of the most promising of the new irises from France
CITRONELLA (Bliss). This is the very best yellow iris from England. Its carriage is perfect, and so are its standards, but the falls are smaller and of a dark shade. It is in very great demand among breeders and collectors	to the tip of the fall it measures over 6-in. Larger than any other iris in existence with the exception of Ricardi Blanc, Bleute and Peerless. This ought to rate at least 95. 4 ft. John C. Wister in Bulletin No. 7 of American Society, page 10, says of this iris: "Nothing more beautiful than this flower can be imagined" 8.00

Rating Price **PIONEER** (Bliss 1924). A magnificent new iris, the best red-purple in cultivation. S large and incurved, colored bright red-purple. F very broad and strong, in color, a deep glowing red......10.00

**SOUV. DE LOETITIA MICHAUD** (Millet). The strong stems grow about 4 feet high, bearing enormous flowers of a fine texture. S lobelia blue. shading toward the edge to pale blue: F the same color beautifully veined vellow on the white ground of the haft. It is one of the finest irises vet introduced. Very few roots for sale this year. 8.00 Rating

Market Streets, Chester, Pa.

85 SWEET LAVENDER (Bliss 1919). An iris of distinct and pleasing character. Standards lavender; the flaring falls a deeper rose lavender. Large flowers on well branched stems. Three feet. Plant of vigorous growth ...... 1.00

Every iris lover is invited to join the American Iris Society. Every new member receives "Iris for the Beginner." and four other bulletins during the year. Annual dues are \$3.00. Checks payable to Arthur H. Scott, Front and

#### IRIS COLLECTIONS

In order to balance the surplus of certain overstocked varieties I will send you ten fine standard irises of my selection, all different and each labeled:

> Collection No. 1: Catalog value \$2.50; Collection price \$1.50 Collection No. 2: Catalog value 5.00; Collection price 2.50 Collection No. 3: Catalog value 10.00; Collection price 5.00

These will all be rhizomes of good size, in wide range of color, shipped to you postpaid in California only.

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## Miscellaneous Iris

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The following varieties require some water during the dry season. In the case of Iris Siberica the best results are obtained by planting in a moist location or where they can have the regular watering given flower beds. The lovely green grass-like foliage will repay one for this care.

PSEUDACORUS
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YELLOW WATER IRIS. Bright yellow flowers, 3 foot stems. Will thrive in water and damp localities25
DOROTHEA K. WILLIAMSON. Large flowers of velvety dark madder violet. 2½ feet 1.00
FOETIDISSIMA. The Gladwyn iris; an exceptionally fine strain with handsome deep green leaves, and
flowers varying from greenish and light yellow tones to bright red-purple; ornamental pods of bright
scarlet seeds in fall
MIXED IRIS SEEDLINGS
I have a very fine mixture to offer this season.
100 MIXED IRIS SEEDLINGS, including a wide range of beautiful shades. By express collect10.00



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