



## Peacock Dance Japanese Iris

*Iris ensata 'Peacock Dance'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Japanese Water Iris, Russian Iris, Japanese Flag

### Ornamental Features

Peacock Dance Japanese Iris has masses of beautiful white flag-like flowers with yellow throats and creamy white falls at the ends of the stems in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.



*Peacock Dance Japanese Iris  
flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### Landscape Attributes

Peacock Dance Japanese Iris is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

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

Peacock Dance Japanese Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens

### **Planting & Growing**

Peacock Dance Japanese Iris will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 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 prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.