



## **Florentina Bearded Iris**

*Iris x germanica 'var. florentina'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2a

### **Ornamental Features**

Florentina Bearded Iris has masses of beautiful white flag-like flowers with yellow throats and white falls at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its sword-like leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Florentina Bearded Iris is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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
- Disease

Florentina Bearded Iris is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



*Florentina Bearded Iris flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Florentina Bearded Iris will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.