

# Gerald Darby Iris



**Sun loving and  
very easy to grow!**



## *Iris x robusta 'Gerald Darby'*

- **Use:** This beautiful variety is a hybrid of *I. versicolor* and *I. virginica*, though it is sometimes erroneously listed as one or the other of those species or even as the impossible cross of Siberian-Louisiana. A marginal aquatic hybrid cultivar that is noted for its attractive violet-blue flowers and variegated spring Clumps spread slowly by tough, creeping rhizomes. Deer and rodent resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Best planted in full sun to partial afternoon shade, in fertile well drained soil, but will tolerate some wet areas. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Loves lots of water.
- **Growth:** Reaches 24-36" tall and 18-24 inches wide. Divide every 3-4 years. Space new container grown plants 18" - 36" apart.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Clump of narrow, arching-to-erect, sword-shaped, green leaves. Leaves are also spotted with purple-red at the base.
- **Flower:** Leaves have a flush of purple in spring that fades by summer. Purplish-black flowering stalks rise from the clump to 36" tall in late spring, typically producing 2-3 violet-blue flowers per stalk.