

# White African Butterfly Iris



One of the best all-purpose plants for home landscapes, it stands up to heat, drought and neglect. Flank gateways with them, add to courtyards and entry gardens, or spot into larger foundation plantings, where the vertical reed-like foliage makes a great accent or contrast. A perfect plant to grow beside koi ponds, streambeds and fountains. Evokes the Mediterranean countryside when planted below or beside wall fountains. Or, evoke ancient Rome with this Iris in classical terra-cotta pots on pedestals or lined on steps. Grow as a low hedge around edges of porches and decks.

## ***Moraea irioides (Dietes iridioides)***

- **Use:** Exotic white flowers with yellow and purple-blue markings burst from stalks amid stiff, iris-like, evergreen foliage. Profuse bloomer; blooms last only one day but are quickly replaced. Fire resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full/part sun; well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water when top 3 in of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 2 to 3 ft. tall and wide clumps.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone 8-11**; Perennial Hardiness of 15-20° F
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen; This rhizomatous perennial produces low clumps of arching narrow leaves that reach 10 to 16 inches tall.
- **Flowers:** Attractive, white iris-like flowers with vivid maroon/ yellow blotches loom on stiff stalks over neat clumps.