

Victoria Falls Bearded Iris



Very large, light blue standards and falls are reminiscent of magnificent waterfalls. White beards are highlighted by a patch of white in the centre of each pale blue fall, mimicking the glimmer of sunlight off rushing water. Sturdy stems keep abundant flowers upright through rain and wind.



Iris 'Victoria Falls'

- **Use:** This fresh light blue self's ruffled petals seem to cascade at random. In the center of each fresh light blue fall is a "signal patch" of white, highlighting the flower white beards. The three main branches and two spurs often produce up to 14 flowers! Another bonus of this lovely blue Iris is the tendency to bloom again in the fall. Ready to add spectacular bursts of colour to the garden that will stop visitors in their tracks? It's easy when you choose our bold beauties. These unforgettable irises illuminate the landscape with strong, vibrant hues. Relish their brilliance outdoors in borders or beds, then cut a few to enjoy indoors in bouquets. All parts of Iris are deer and rabbit resistant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Will produce the most flowers if they receive a full day of sun, but will also perform reasonably well with a half day of sun. The most critical growing factor is the moisture level of the soil and drainage. They will absolutely not tolerate "wet feet" (too much water will cause the rhizomes to rot) and require very well-drained soil at all times of the year. They will grow in any good garden soil as long as this drainage is provided. Generally heavy feeders and should be fertilized 3 times per year: first in the spring when new growth appears, second right after blooming, and third in the fall. When planting them for the first time or when transplanting, use a no-nitrogen fertilizer such as 0-10-10 worked into the soil.
- **Growth:** Grows 34-40" tall. Division is recommended every 3-4 years to maintain healthy plants and achieve the maximum bloom. The best time of year to plant irises is in late summer after they are done blooming. Dig up the entire clump and use a sharp knife to cut apart the rhizomes. Keep only the newer ones around the outer edge of the clump and discard the old, woody center. Replant the new divisions 12-18 in. apart to allow ample room for new growth and good air circulation. Planting at the correct level is critical to the plant's health and flower production. Rhizomes should be planted so the soil barely covers the top of them, or 1-2 in. deep. Doing so will help to prevent soft rot.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green, sword-shaped leaves.
- **Flower:** Displaying extremely handsome, light blue ruffled petals, the 'Victoria Falls' Reblooming Bearded Iris truly is reminiscent of a waterfall. The center of each petal is adorned with a single white patch which helps to highlight the white beard. Spring bloom and then rebloom in late summer-fall. Breeder:Schreiner 1977