

Iris missouriensis

Rocky Mountain Iris



Plant type:

Rhizomatous perennial
(dense clumps, reseeds)

Season of Interest:

Late spring to mid-summer

Height: 12-30"

Spread: 9-12"

Water needs:

High, moderate; will grow in drier areas if moist through flowering

Native Region:

CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, UT, WY

Elevation:

to 11,000'

Important to know:

Wear gloves when handling to avoid discomfort



Maintenance:

Low

Characteristics:

Showy

Garden uses:

Beds/borders, wall-side border

Habitat:

Montane, Aspen forests, moist meadows, streambanks



Ease of Propagation: Difficult

Native iris have a deep dormancy best tackled with scarification and outdoor stratification.

3% peroxide soak (scarification). Rinse. Sow outside in situ or in cells or pots. Cover lightly. Exposure to temperature fluctuations coaxes higher germination rates than consistent 40° in the fridge.