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# Blue Iris

*Iris versicolor*

Light:	Full Sun, Partial Sun
Soil:	Loam, Sand, Clay
Moisture:	Wet, Medium-Wet, Medium
Benefits:	Butterflies, Bees, Birds, Pollinators, Hummingbirds, Deer Resistant
Height:	3'
Blooms:	May, Jun, Jul
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Blue-Purple
Spacing:	1' to 2'
Root:	Corm

Blue Iris has very showy blue-purple flowers that attract hummingbirds and are beneficial to pollinators. It thrives in wetland habitats in sunny areas that include rain gardens, water gardens, wet meadows, marshes, along shores, in ditches and in swamps.

Blue Iris is also known as Northern Blue Flag; the name "flag" is from the middle English flagge, meaning "rush" or "reed." The plant is toxic when eaten and may cause minor skin irritation when touched with bare hands.