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Iris virginica

Southern Blue Flag Iris



Beautiful, showy flower. In the wild, it forms huge pools of blue in wet meadows and marshes. It's a great plant for the banks of streams and ponds. It will grow in ordinary garden soil as well, although it won't spread so vigorously.

Suggested companions: Michigan lily (*Lilium michiganense*), golden ragwort (*Senecio aureus*), golden alexanders (*Zizia aurea*), royal fern (*Osmunda regalis*). Also with moisture-loving grasslike plants (*Juncus* sp. and *Scirpus*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower
Size: 2-3' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Very Damp/Wet
Rich Moist

Flower Color:
Blue
Purple

Bloom Time:
May
June
July

Other Attributes:
Butterfly attracting
Deer resistant

Habitat:
Forested Wetland
Riverbanks
Pond / Lake Shores

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No