
Blue Flag Iris

(Iris versicolor)

- This native wild iris has large, showy, blue to purple flowers with yellow and white streaking towards the centre.
- Flowering from June to July, it attracts bumblebees, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators.
- The long, gray-green, sword-shaped leaves emerge from thick rhizomes, which spread to form dense clumps of plants in wet areas.
- Blue Flag Iris grows in wet woods and meadows and along shorelines of lakes and rivers.



Interesting Facts

- Although it is poisonous, First Nation peoples used the plant to alleviate many ailments and also used the leaves for weaving baskets and mats.
- Blue Flag Iris is the provincial flower of Quebec.